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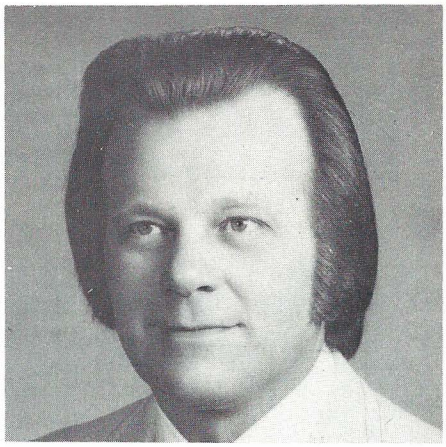


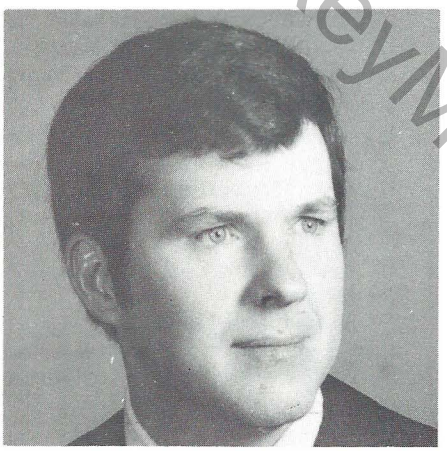
CHARLES H. NOLTON

Charles H. Nolton, 43, is a general partner of the Michigan Stags Hockey Club and president of Nolwood Chemical Corporation of Detroit.

A native Detroiter, Nolton was associated with the Sherwood Chemical Co. prior to joining Nolwood in 1958.

He is a member of the Chemical and Allied Industries Association of Michigan, the Paint and Varnish Association and Red Run Golf Club. His hobbies include golf, paddleball, tennis, and skiing.

Nolton and his family live in Bloomfield Hills.



PETER J. SHAGENA

Peter J. Shagena (SHAG KNEE), 38, is a general partner of the Michigan Stags Hockey Club and president of Chemical Recovery Systems of Romulus, Michigan.

A native of the Flint area, Mr. Shagena is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor of science degree.

He is a past president and member of the Chemical and Allied Industries Association of Michigan and Orchard Lake Country Club.

Shagena, his wife Judith, and their three children live in Bloomfield Hills.

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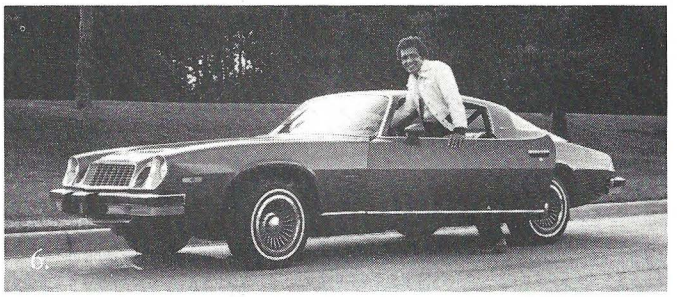

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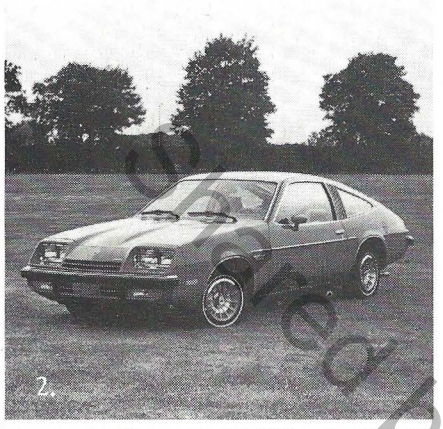

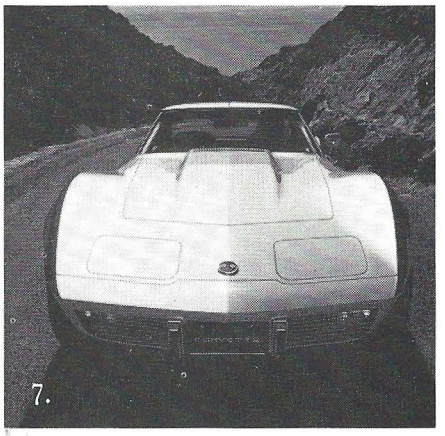

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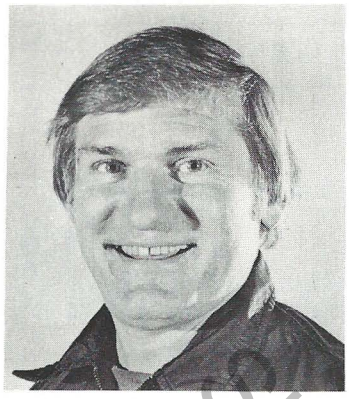


JOHN WILSON

John Wilson, 44, the coach and general manager of the Michigan Stags is an 11-year veteran of the National Hockey League.

He played six years with the Detroit Red Wings, two with the Chicago Black Hawks and split his remaining three seasons between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the New York Rangers.

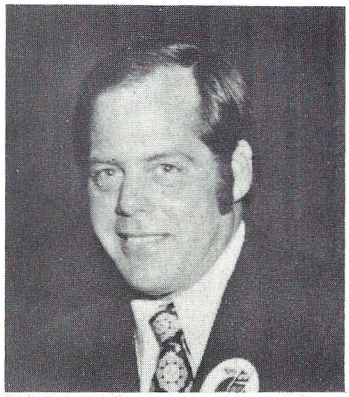
Wilson's coaching career began in 1963 with the Ottawa Montagnards – a Canadian senior team he led to a divisional title shortly after his retirement from the NHL.

After coaching the Princeton University hockey team for two years, he moved into the professional ranks in 1967 as manager-coach of the Springfield Kings, a Los Angeles farm club. His fourth year with the Kings brought them to a Calder Cup victory in 1970-71.

Wilson then became the coach of the Detroit Red Wings on Nov. 1, 1972 and the Wings finished with a 30-27-10 record the rest of that season and were 37-29-12 under Wilson the following season.

In 1973-74 Wilson served as assistant general manager of the Atlanta Flames of the NHL.

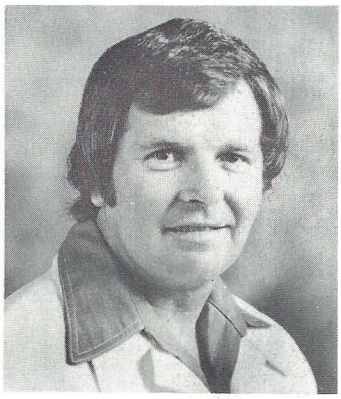
Wilson and his wife, the former Pat Donald of Windsor, have two children and now make their home in Northville, Mich., a suburb of Detroit.



DICK COTÉ

Dick Coté, as business manager for the team, brings to the Michigan Stags a broad background of business and sports experience. Mr. Coté attended high school at Windsor's Assumption High School and then continued his education and athletic endeavors at the University of Michigan.

Dick, his wife, along with their family of four make their home in Bloomfield Hills. Before joining the Stags, Dick owned a Ford dealership in Boyne City, Michigan.



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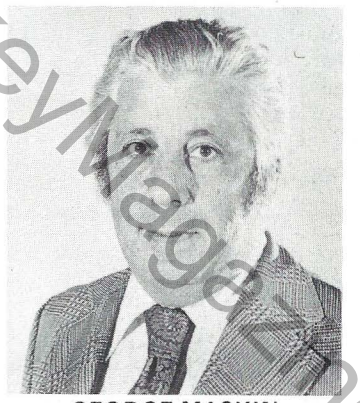

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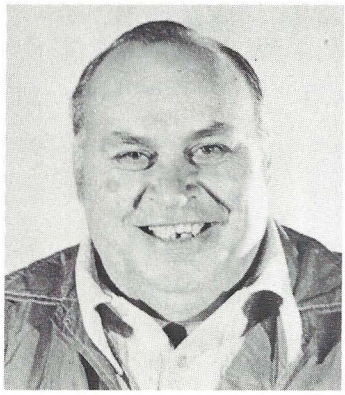

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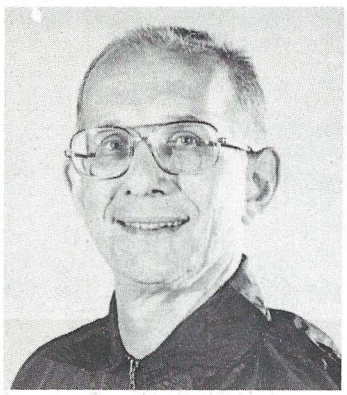

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	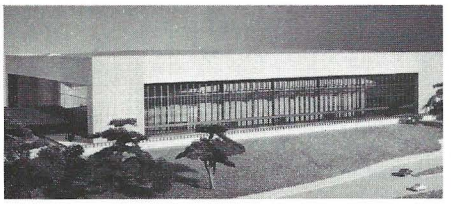	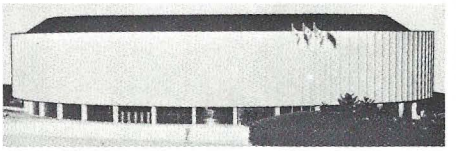
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		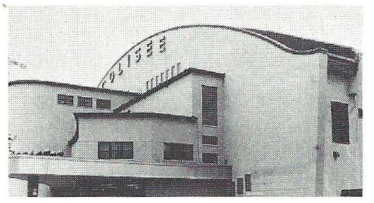
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	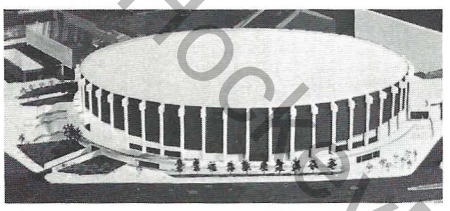	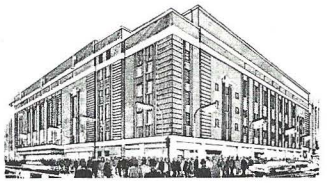
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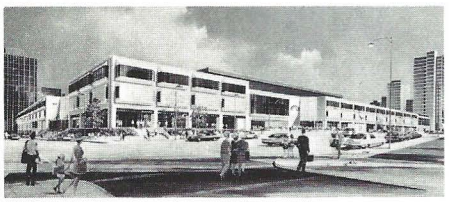
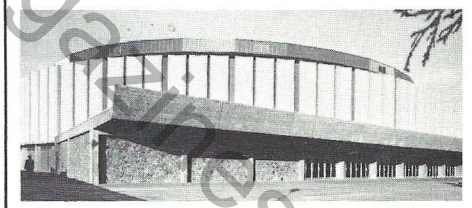
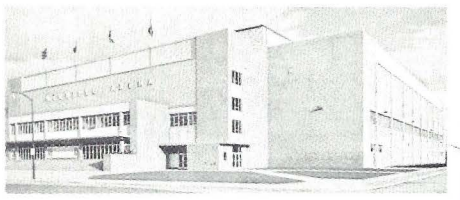
		
NEW ENGLAND **Capacity — 11,000** **Opening Jan. 15**	**PHOENIX** **Veterans Memorial Coliseum** **Capacity — 12,800**	**VANCOUVER** **Pacific Coliseum** **Capacity — 15,569**
		
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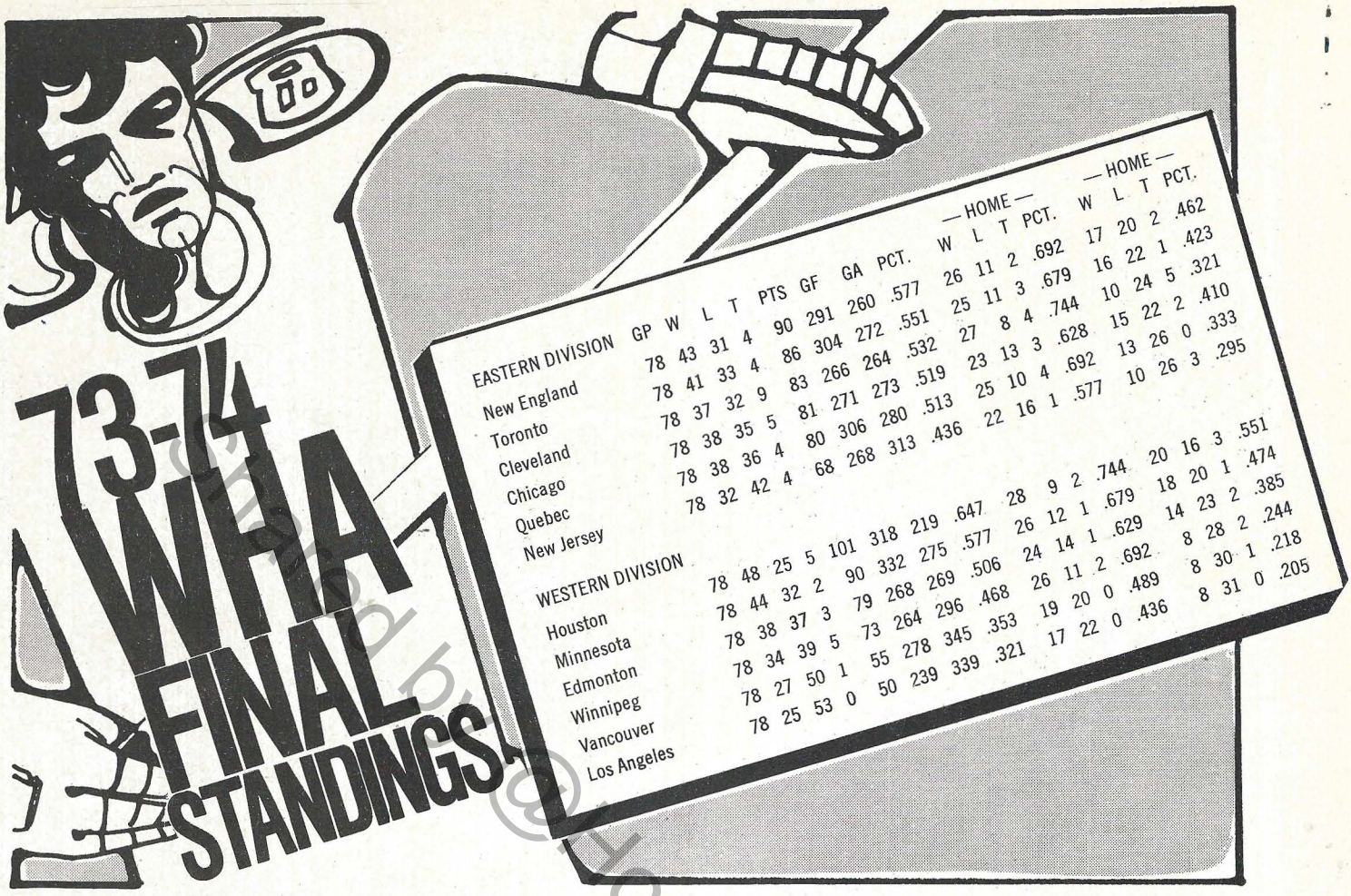

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New England	78	43	31	4	90	291	260	.577	26	11	2	.692	17	20	2	.462
Toronto	78	41	33	4	86	304	272	.551	25	11	3	.679	16	22	1	.423
Cleveland	78	37	32	9	83	266	264	.532	27	8	4	.744	10	24	5	.321
Chicago	78	38	35	5	81	271	273	.519	23	13	3	.628	15	22	2	.410
Quebec	78	38	36	4	80	306	280	.513	25	10	4	.692	13	26	0	.333
New Jersey	78	32	42	4	68	268	313	.436	22	16	1	.577	10	26	3	.295
WESTERN DIVISION																
Houston	78	48	25	5	101	318	219	.647	28	9	2	.744	20	16	3	.551
Minnesota	78	44	32	2	90	332	275	.577	26	12	1	.679	18	20	1	.474
Edmonton	78	38	37	3	79	268	269	.506	24	14	1	.629	14	23	2	.385
Winnipeg	78	34	39	5	73	264	296	.468	26	11	2	.692	8	28	2	.244
Vancouver	78	27	50	1	55	278	345	.353	19	20	0	.489	8	30	1	.218
Los Angeles	78	25	53	0	50	239	339	.321	17	22	0	.436	8	31	0	.205

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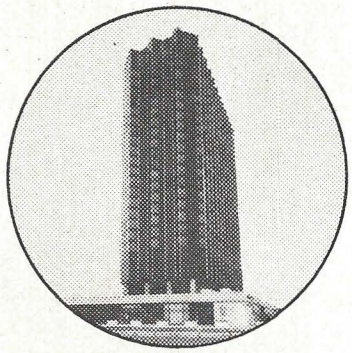

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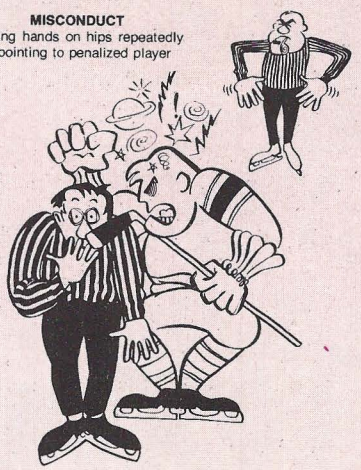
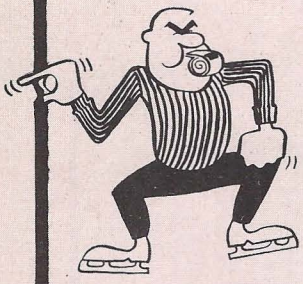
SLASHING
Chopping motion of hand across forearm

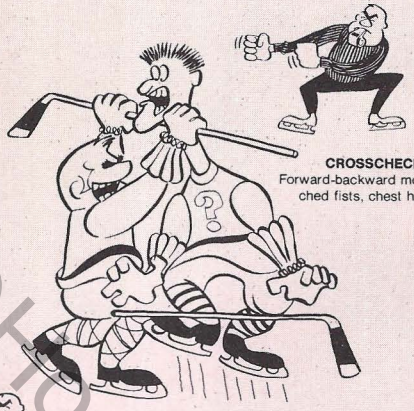
ELBOWING
Either elbow tapped with opposite hand

MISCONDUCT
Placing hands on hips repeatedly and pointing to penalized player

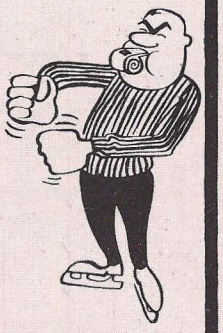




DELAYED PENALTY
Pointing repeatedly to player to be penalized until play is stopped

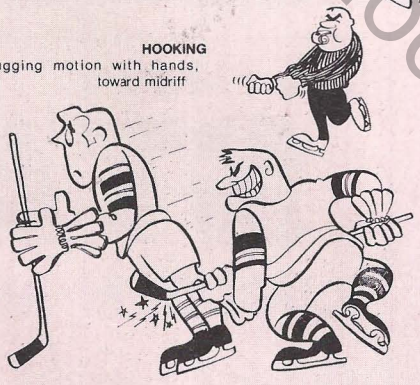


CROSSCHECKING
Forward-backward motion of clenched fists, chest high.

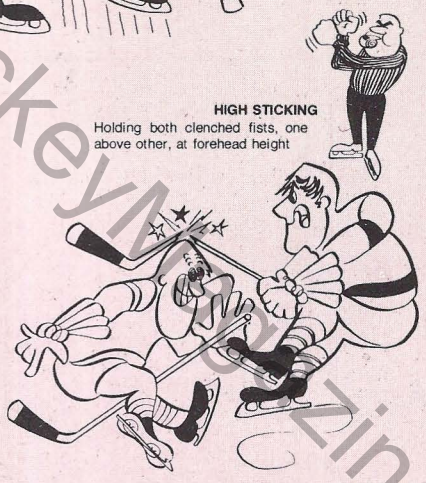


CHARGING
Rotating clenched fists in front of chest.

HOOKING
Tugging motion with hands, toward midriff



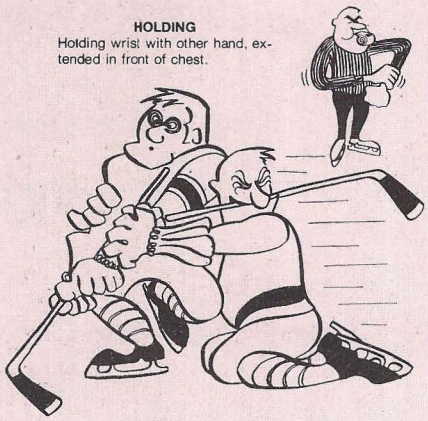
HIGH STICKING
Holding both clenched fists, one above other, at forehead height



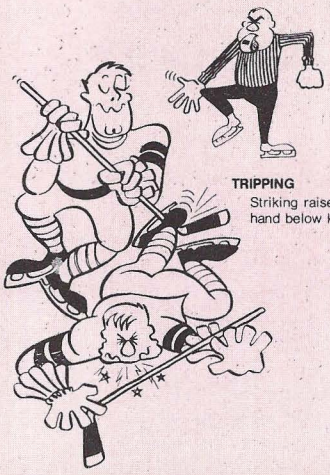
INTERFERENCE
Arms crossed in front of chest

ICING
Arms are crossed on chest

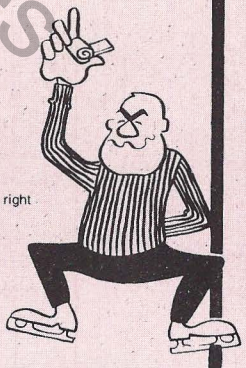
HOLDING
Holding wrist with other hand, extended in front of chest.



WASHOUT
Swinging arms laterally across body, palms down.
By Referee: Goal disallowed.
By Linesman: no icing or offside.



TRIPPING
Striking raised right leg with right hand below knee



SLOW WHISTLE
Whistle held above head. If play returns to neutral zone without stopping, arm is pulled down as puck crosses the line.

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1974-75 SEASON

WESTERN DIVISION

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San Diego Mariners

CANADIAN DIVISION

Quebec Nordiques
Toronto Toros
Winnipeg Jets
Vancouver Blazers
Edmonton Oilers

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New England Whalers
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*Cincinnati Stingers

*To start play '75-76 season

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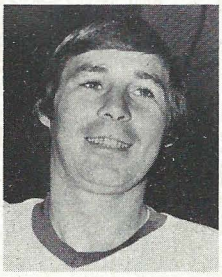
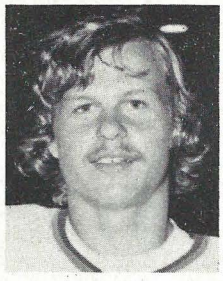
TOP TEN SCORING ROOKIES



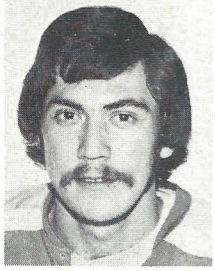
ANDRE HINSE
Houston

GP	G	A	TP	PIM
69	24	56	80	39



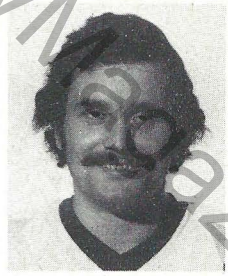
MARK HOWE
Houston

GP	G	A	TP	PIM
76	38	41	79	20



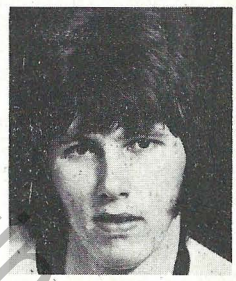
CLAUDE ST. SAUVEUR
Vancouver

GP	G	A	TP	PIM
70	38	30	68	55



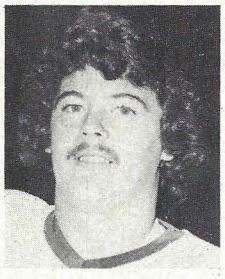
KEVIN MORRISON
San Diego

GP	G	A	TP	PIM
78	24	43	67	132



WAYNE DILLON
Toronto

GP	G	A	TP	PIM
72	30	35	65	13



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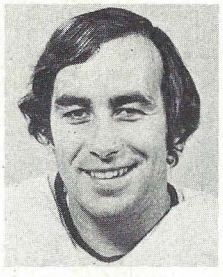

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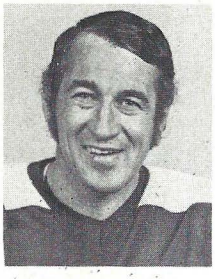

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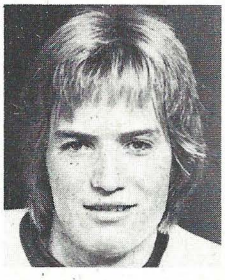

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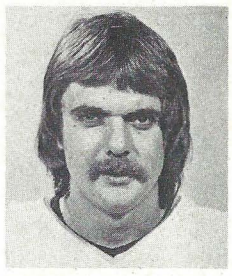

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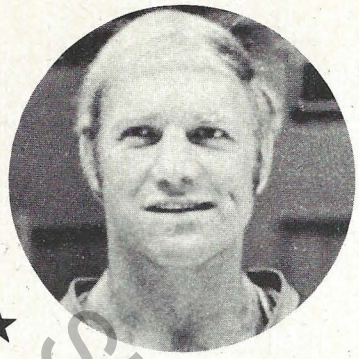

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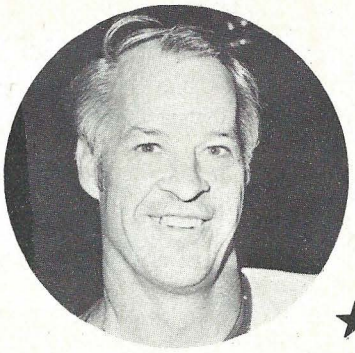

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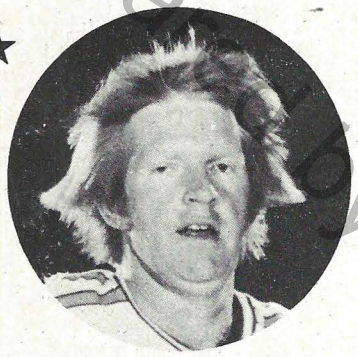

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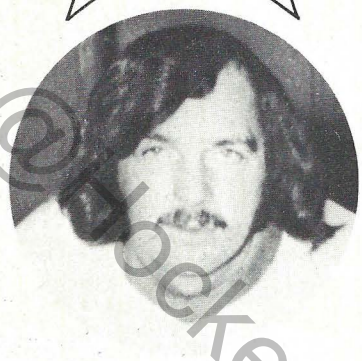

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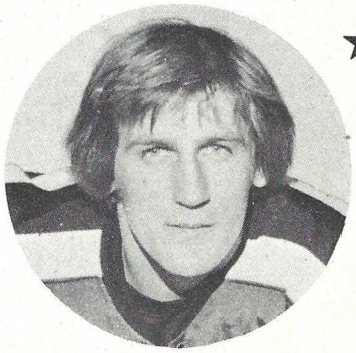

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SECOND TEAM

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	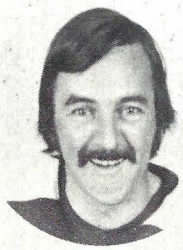	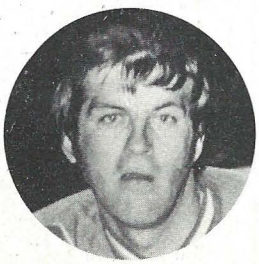			
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BRAD SELWOOD
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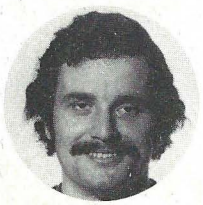

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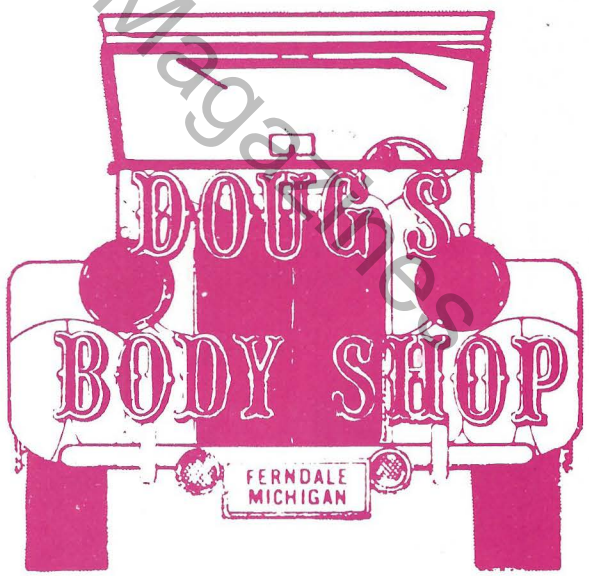

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Rookie of the Year

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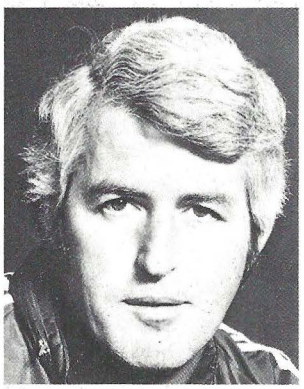

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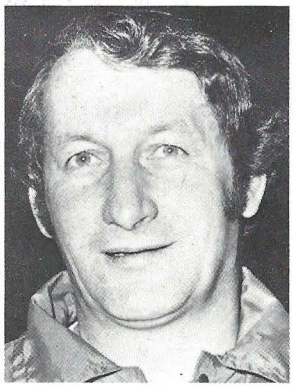

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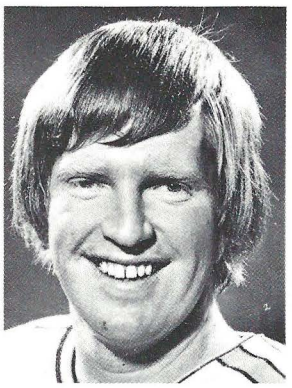

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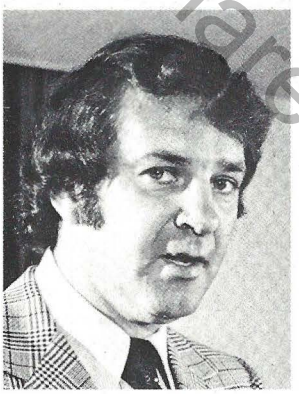

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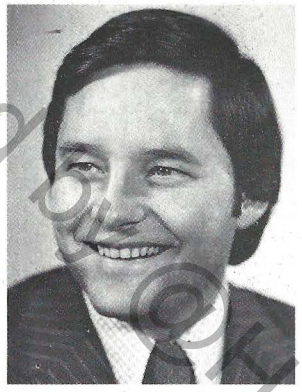

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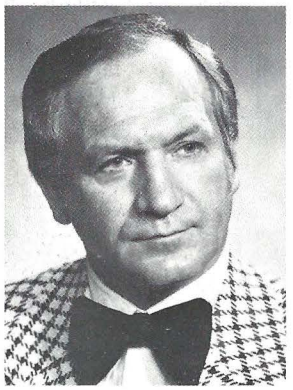

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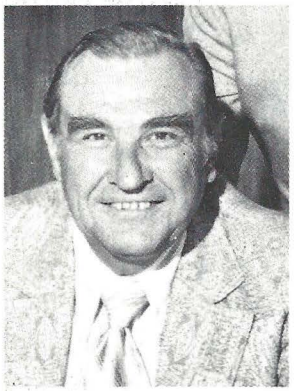

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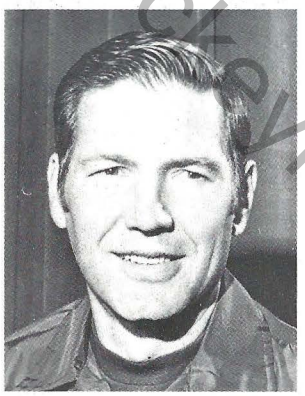

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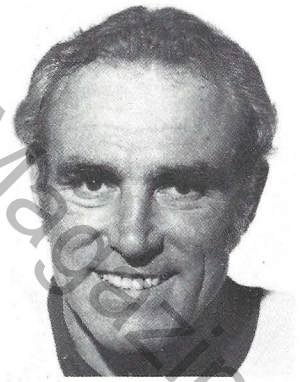

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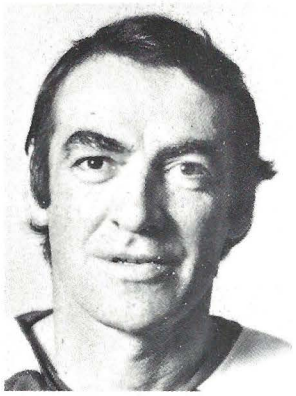

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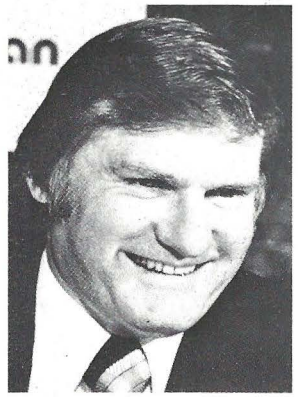

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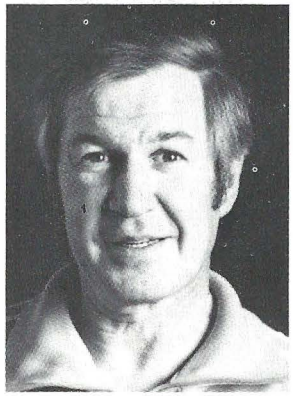

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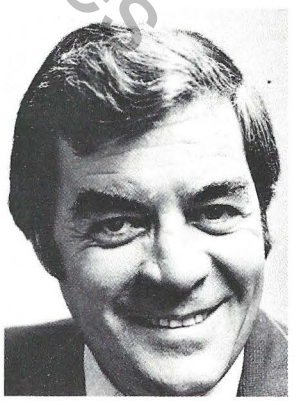

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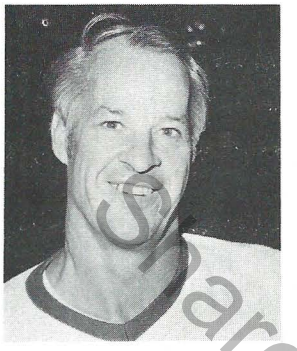

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
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Bobby Hull
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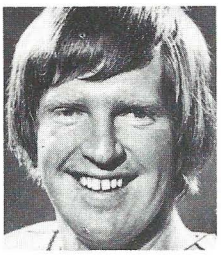

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1972-73 Winner
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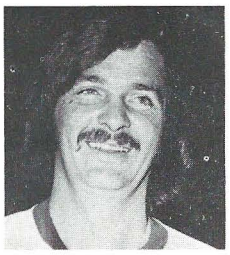
Quebec Nordiques



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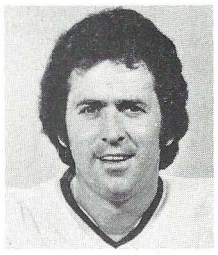

SCORING CHAMPION
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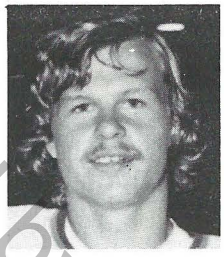
Minnesota Fighting Saints
1972-73 Winner
Andre Lacroix
Philadelphia Blazers



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Houston Aeros
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Terry Caffery
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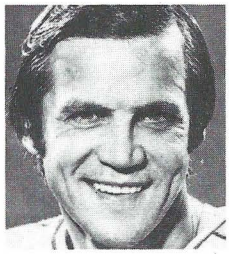

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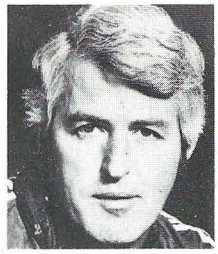

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Toronto Toros
1972-73 Winner
Jack Kelley
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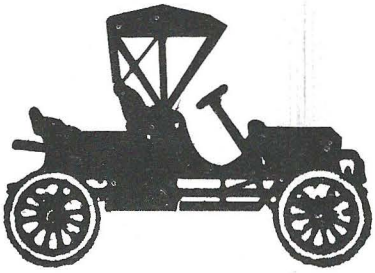
The GAS BUGGY



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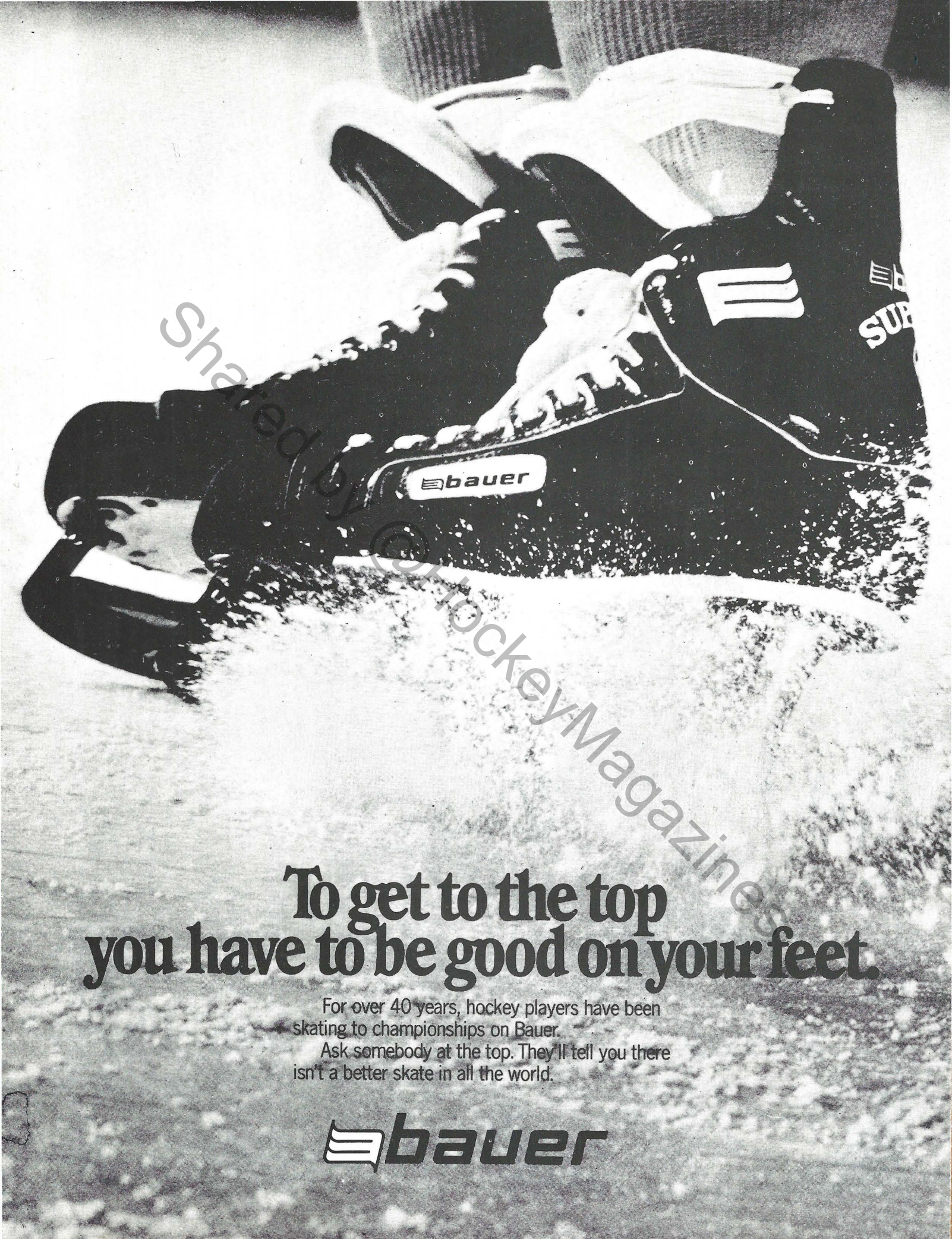

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Hockey's Incredible Happening

BY WALT MARLOW

Major league hockey, since 1968, has experienced attendance acceleration amounting to 113 per cent ----more than any other major league sport.

In the past eight years, the number of major league teams in hockey has skyrocketed from six to an incredible 32. Canada, the world's premier producer of hockey livestock, serves as home for eight of them.

Most startling in this unprecedented growth of a single sport, to be sure, has been the emergence of the World Hockey Association. In a mere two winters, the league that "couldn't happen" has clearly established itself as an integral element in the world's hockey structure.

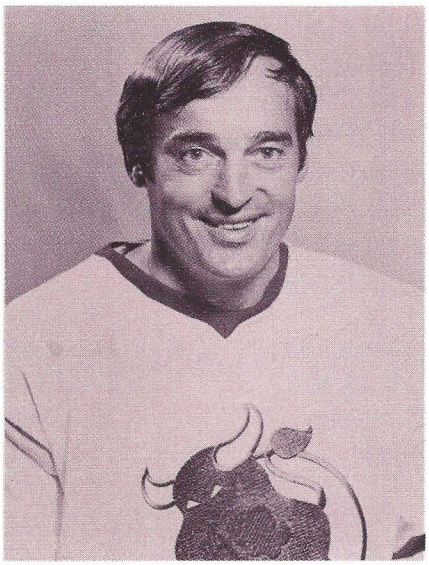
First it was Robert Marvin Hull.

Then came the incredible unretiring of Gordie Howe and the meteoric rise of his two sons, Marty and Mark.

And as the league embarks on Year III of its' phenomenal journey into sports history, the newest magic name is William Francis (Frank) Mahovlich.

He joins six Swedish, and two Czechoslovakian imports, another 30 major league acquisitions, and the seizure of no fewer than 15 of the top graduating juniors in Canada.

"The magnitude of our growth over a mere two years is unchallenged in sports history," said President Dennis A. Murphy of the league he, in concert with Edmonton's Bill Hunter and Winnipeg's Ben Hatskin, launched in the face of incredible odds in June of 1971. "We are no longer regarded as the other league, but rather an integral part of the world's hockey structure."



Frank Mahovolich, Toronto Toros

Gordie, Mark and Marty Howe

"While our procurement of players of major league stature represented expectations, our greatest gain as we enter this third season was in the category of graduating juniors and the caliber thereof."

"Franchise holders like Jimmy Pattison in Vancouver, Nick Mileti in Cleveland, Bert Getz in Phoenix, Bill DeWitt in Cincinnati, Jordon Kaiser in Chicago, Irv Kaplan in Houston, Bob Schmertz and Howard Baldwin in New England, Charles Nolton in Detroit, Richard Tinkham in Indianapolis and Wayne Belisle in Minnesota have hastened that day when it will be the WHA that has the abundance of super stars."

The elite harvested from last season's amateur crop included the likes of Pat Price and Ron Chipperfield by Vancouver, Dennis Sobchuk, Jacques Locas, John Hughes and Dick Spannbauer by Cincinnati, Gary McGregor by Chicago, Cam Connor, Dave Gorman and Dennis Olmstead by Phoenix, Bill Reed, Bill Evo and Barry Legge by Michigan, Paul Baxter by Cleveland, Real Cloutier by Quebec, Kevin Devine by San Diego, Terry Ruskowski and Don Larway by Houston and Craig Hammer by Indianapolis.

An examination of outstanding WHA rookies of a season ago---like the Howe boys and Jim Sherritt (Houston), Wayne Dillon and Pat Hickey (Toronto), Frankie Rochon (Chicago) Tom Edur (Cleveland), Kevin Morrison (San Diego), Claude St. Sauveur (Vancouver), Michel Deguise and Richard Brodeur (Quebec) and John Garrett, Gord Gallant and Murray Heatley (Minnesota)---and it's readily apparent that the WHA, indeed, does have livestock of future super star quality.

"Our need for the established player has lessened considerably," says Murphy. "We're starting to produce new stars for new fans. The future strength of this league is in its' youth and the tapping of the vast European market."

Exploration of that overseas reservoir, to be sure, has already commenced with New England's signing of the Abrahamsson twins, Thommy and Christer, while Winnipeg lured four Swedes---Curt Larrson, Anders Hedberg, Ulf Nilsson and Lars Erik Sjoberg.

But it remained for Toronto's John Bassett, Jr. to generate international headlines with his capture of Czechoslovakian super star Vaclav Nedomansky and his teammate Richard Farda.

Nedomansky, 30, is known in Europe as "Big Ned", but doubtless will become "The Big N" of the Toros where he'll fit nicely with the "Big M" (Mahovlich).

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Murphy, a virtuoso in sports organization, was the WHA's first visionary. While hockey scientists the world over prophesied disaster, the Californian who earlier had fashioned the master plan for the establishment of the American Basketball Association approached his task with evangelistic fervor---preaching the gospel of a new league to men of uncommon means in two countries.

Elimination of the reserve and/or option clause in contracts, which freed athletes from lifelong bondage to a single team, irrefutably represented the single most important act in the league's formation.

The momentous decision, rendered Nov. 8, 1972, by U. S. District Court Judge A. Leon Higginbotham in Philadelphia, freed Robert Marvin Hull and other distinguished major leaguers to function in the league of their choice.

Until then, of course, it was the Hull signing itself, on June 27, 1972, that skyrocketed the WHA into sports page prominence.

Hatskin, chairman of the league's board of trustees and an instrumental force in bringing about this fall's historic WHA series with the Soviet Union, engineered the phenomenal coup with a $2.75 million contract for hockey's greatest left winger. The Golden Jet was now a Winnipeg Jet.

"Certainly that was the play that altered our early image," reflected Murphy, "The skeptics developed nervous disorders when Bobby came aboard."

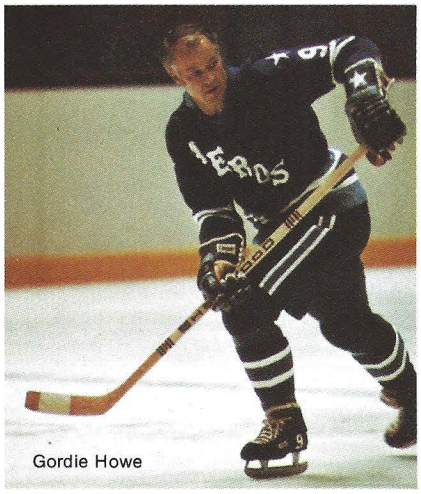
The Hull acquisition, aside from the image impact, also touched off an avalanche of fresh signings, 28 within a period of a week. They included the likes of Gerry Cheevers with Cleveland, Ted Green with New England and Bobby Sheehan, now on the roster of the Edmonton Oilers.

With the signings came a number of nuisance litigations, none of which had any significant bearing on curtailing the league's growth.

Then there was the WHA's $50 million anti-trust damage suit against the 57-year-old National League. It, to be sure, was not to be confused with nuisance.

It climaxed February 19, 1974, in an out of court settlement, 32 months from when the league filed articles of incorporation in June of 1971, with the NHL picking up the tab for WHA legal costs in the amount of $1.75 million. More importantly, the settlement represented recognition of the WHA by the NHL, with both leagues agreeing to a series of exhibition games, honoring of each other's contracts, etc.

"This is a major step to the co-existence of the two leagues," said Murphy, a graduate of the University of Southern California, who had taken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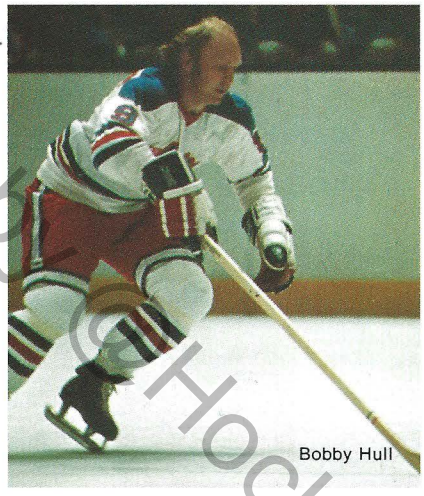
Bobby Hull

over the presidency two months prior following the abdication of Gary Davidson. The latter had collaborated with Murphy, Hunter and Hatskin in the WHA's birth pains.

"It had been our position from the beginning that we can co-exist with the NHL, and that both leagues can retain their individuality," added Murphy, "Elimination of what was a perpetual reserve clause without having to go to trial represents total victory over what we started."

By now, of course, the WHA's sovereignty was no longer a matter of conjecture.

The incomparable Gordie Howe, along with his two sons, Mark and Marty, had joined the ranks of the Houston Aeros to mark the first time in history of any major league sport that a father had played alongside of two sons.

"Howe's signing alone was a coup rivaling that of the Hull signing," reflected Edmonton's Hunter, "But for his two boys to join him, two future super stars, today stands as the most monumental event in the history of hockey. The chances of it happening again are a million to one."

Proclaiming that while there's a little snow on the roof, there's still fire in the furnace, hockey's living legend--21 months in retirement to the contrary---orchestrated the Aeros to the Avco World Trophy.

And like Hull in the WHA's baptismal year, Gordie emerged the MVP and a first team all-star. Not even son Mark, rookie of the year at 19, is convinced that his ol' man is 46.

A testimony to Howe's greatness was evident at the annual Charley Conacher Memorial Dinner in Toronto this past May when he modestly captured the audience with two standing ovations.

Announcing that hockey had become so much fun again that he would play another season, he attributed his MVP honors to the fact that he had sired two sons to cover up his mistakes.

Mistakes? All he did was score 31 goals and contribute 69 assists.

While it would be a friendly exaggeration to suggest that the WHA, in two seasons, has attained the stability representative of long established leagues, there are unmistakable signs for the unwavering belief of success exhibited by the league's 15 franchise holders.

Of monumental significance this season is the fact that the WHA has established an all-Canadian division of Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto and Quebec. In essence, Canada now has it's own major hockey league for the first time in history.

The WHA's Western Division is comprised of Houston, Michigan, Phoenix, Minnesota and San Diego, while in the East it's New England, Chicago, Cleveland and Indianapolis, with Cincinnati taking up residence a year from now.

Meanwhile the Stingers, headed up by the aggressive Bill DeWitt, Jr. have assigned their signed players to other clubs in the league.

Indianapolis and Phoenix, plus the shifting of the New Jersey franchise to San Diego and Los Angeles to Detroit, represents the league's new look this season. Not to be overlooked, of course, is the new look in playing facilities, too.

Certainly Edmonton's new 16,000 capacity Coliseum will enhance the WHA's immage, as will Cleveland's new Coliseum and Hartford's new arena which will become the home of the New England Whalers, who won it all in the first historic season.

"Our potential now is limitless," says Murphy, who first teamed with Hunter and the Canadian contingent five months into the league's talking stages. Thereafter, it was a story of perpetual motion.

"Funny, how a lot of critics, people who should know better, said we'd never hit the ice. But the only critics that really count are the guys and gals who pay the shot."

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OCTOBER

4	17, Thursday .. INDIANAPOLIS	2
1	19, Saturday .. NEW ENGLAND	2
3	20, Sunday .....TORONTO	4
2	23, Wednesday ..... QUEBEC	6
2	27, Sunday .....WINNIPEG	5
4	29, Tuesday .....MINNESOTA	3
2	31, Thursday .... CLEVELAND	4

NOVEMBER

3	2, Saturday .....MINNESOTA	6
3	3, Sunday .....WINNIPEG	11
2	5, Tuesday .....TORONTO	5
1	10, Sunday ... INDIANAPOLIS	6
4	12, Tuesday ..... QUEBEC	5
4	14, Thursday ..... CHICAGO	2
4	16, Saturday ..... QUEBEC	3
1	17, Sunday ... NEW ENGLAND	6
2	21, Thursday ..... PHOENIX	1
3	22, Friday ..... CHICAGO	5
3	24, Sunday .....MINNESOTA	2
1	26, Tuesday .....VANCOUVER	5
6	29, Friday .....WINNIPEG	7

DECEMBER

	1, Sunday ..... CLEVELAND	
2	3, Tuesday ... NEW ENGLAND	1
5	5, Thursday .....SAN DIEGO	3
	7, Saturday ....VANCOUVER	
	8, Sunday ..... EDMONTON	
	10, Tuesday .....SAN DIEGO	
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JANUARY

2, Thursday .....HOUSTON	
4, Saturday .....HOUSTON	
5, Sunday .....VANCOUVER	
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3, Thursday .....SAN DIEGO	
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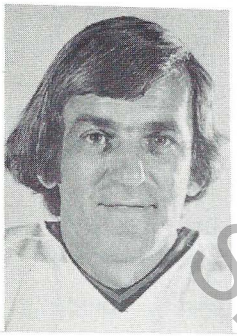

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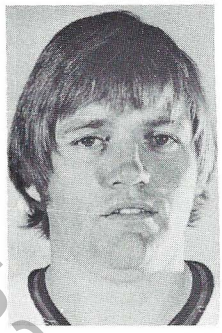

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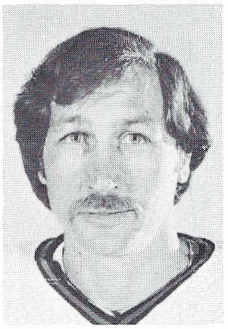

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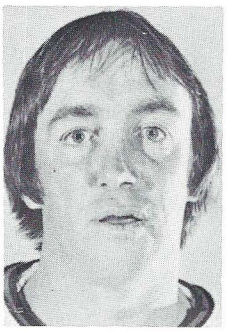

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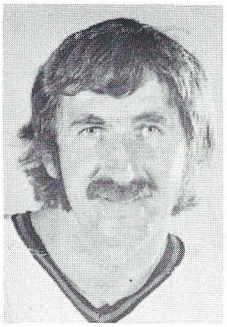

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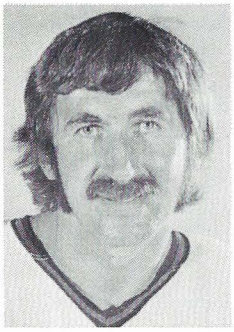

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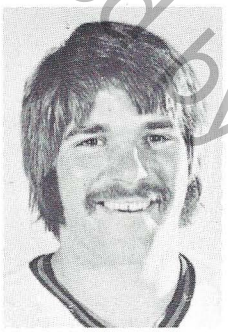

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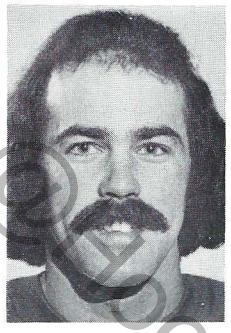

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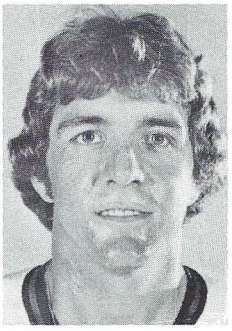

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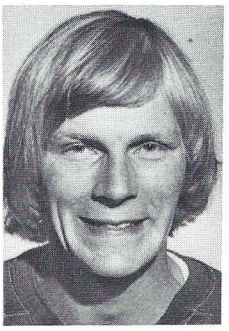

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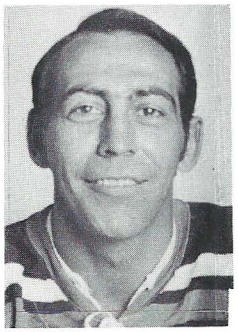

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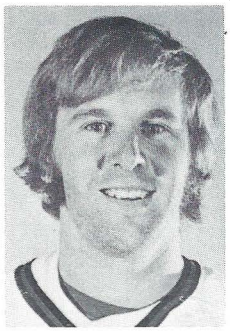

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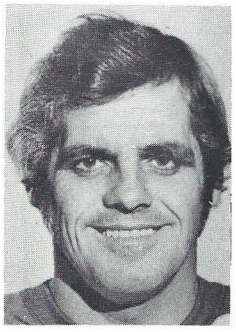

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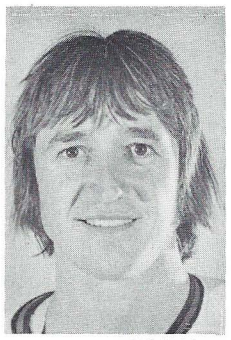

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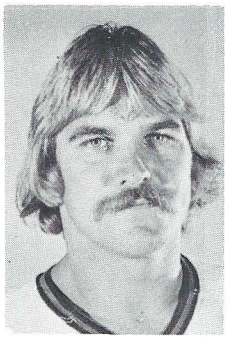

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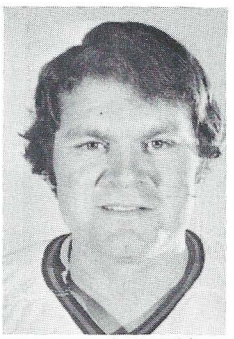

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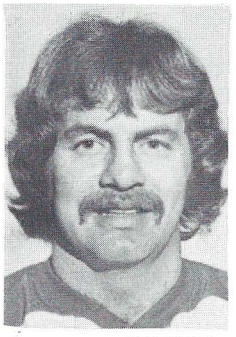

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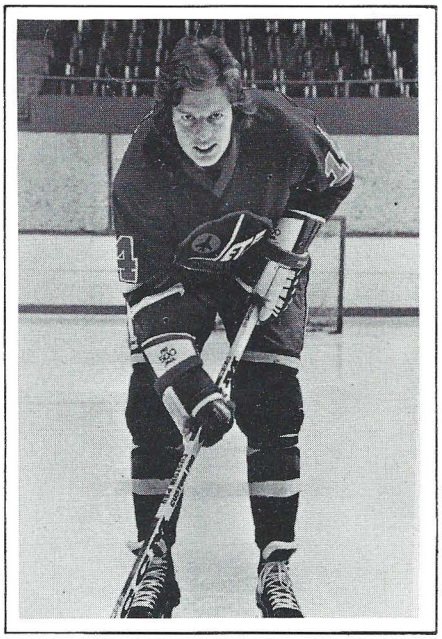

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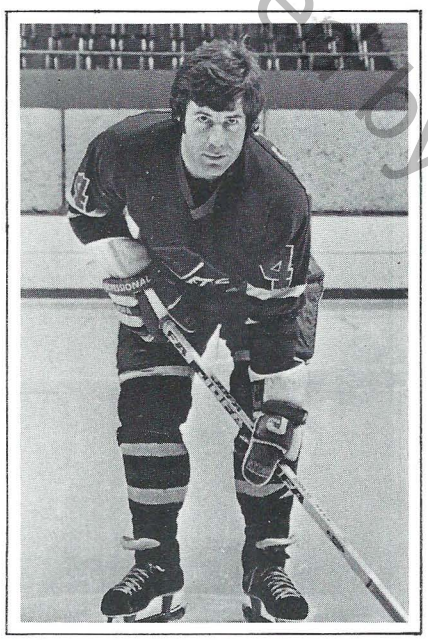

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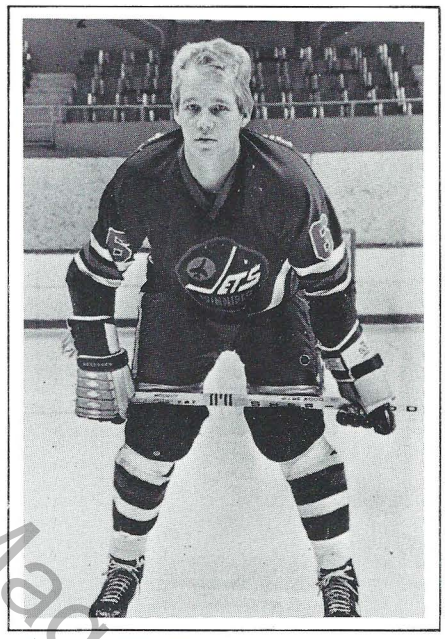

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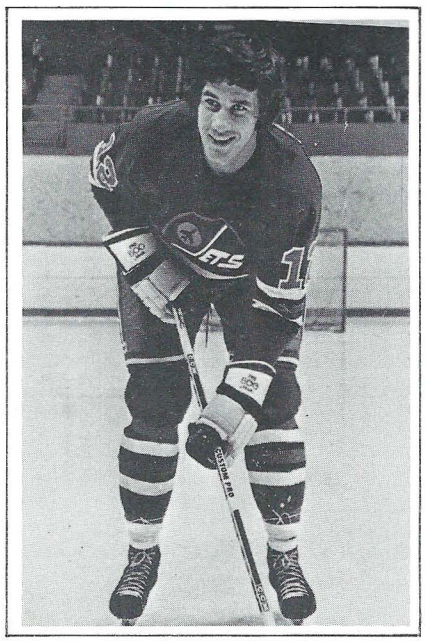

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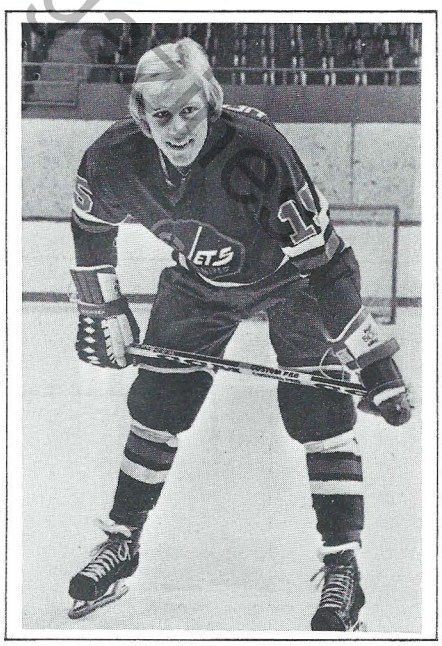

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2—RANDY LEGGE	defense
3—LARRY JOHNSTON	defense
4—ARNIE BROWN	defense
6—GARY GREDIN	forward
7—JOHN MZYAK	defense
8—DANNY GRUEN	forward
10—J.P. LeBLANC	forward
11—LEN FONTAINE	forward
12—JOCQUES LOCAS	forward
15—PAUL CURTIS	defense
16—STEVE WEST	forward
17—BRIAN McDONALD	forward
18—GARY VENERUZZO	forward
20—FRED SPECK	forward
21—REG THOMAS	forward
22—ED JOHNSTONE	forward
23—JERRY ZERMIAK	defense/forward
30—PAUL HOGANSON	guard
88—GERRY DESJARDINS	guard
PIERRE GUITE	left wing
ALAIN CARON	right wing
MIKE ROULEAU	left wing/center
JOHN WILSON	coach

JETS

1—JOE DALEY	goalie
24—CURT LARSSON	goalie
30—ERNIE WAKELY	goalie
2—BOB WOYTOWICH	defense
3—MIKE FORD	defense
4—LARS ERIK SJOBERG	defense
5—LARRY HORNUNG	defense
6—HEIKKI RIIHIRANTA	defense
8—PERRY MILLER	left wing
9—BOBBY HULL	left wing
10—RON ASHTON	left wing
11—NORM BEAUDIN	right wing
12—VELI PEKKA KETOLA	center
14—ULF NILSSON	center
16—JEAN GUY GRATTON	right wing
17—DANNY JOHNSON	center
19—MILT BLACK	right wing
20—RON SNELL	right wing
21—DUKE ASMUNDESON	right wing
28—ALAIN BEAULE	defense
RUDY PILOUS	coach
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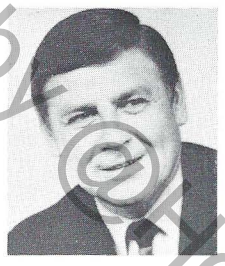

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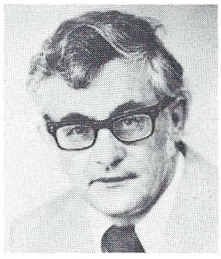

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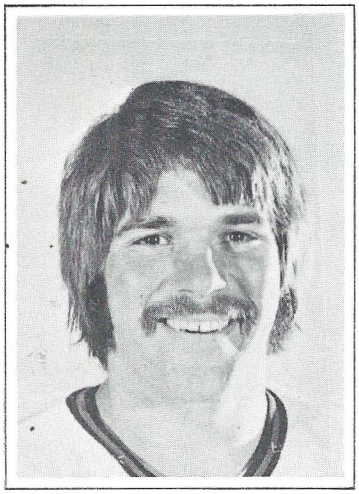

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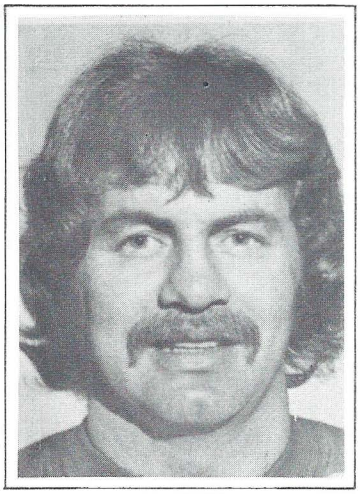

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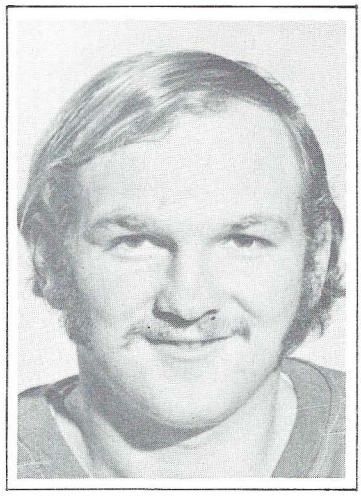

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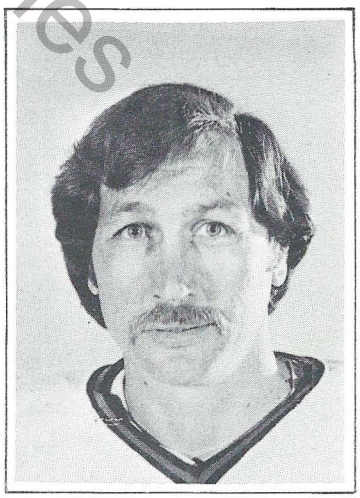

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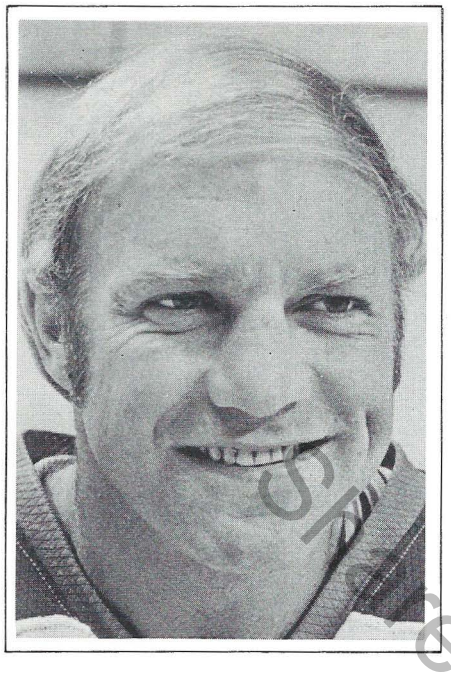


BOBBY HULL..... IS THE JETS!

Winnipeg's Super Jet, Robert Marvin Hull, is back leading the World Hockey Association scoring derby.

Hull hit for 10 points in the Seventh Week (six goals and four assists) to take over the lead for the second time this season with 38 points.

And quite naturally, he also leads the league in goals with 23 in 19 games. If he maintains this rate of production for the balance of the season, he'll easily wipe out Phil Esposito's all-time major league record of 77 goals in a single season, established in the 1970-71 season.

Hull's biggest season was nine years ago when he hit for 54 goals and 43 awsists for 97 points. Last year, he totaled 95 on 53 goals and 42 assists. His current goal production pace could produce a 100 goals over the 78 game schedule.

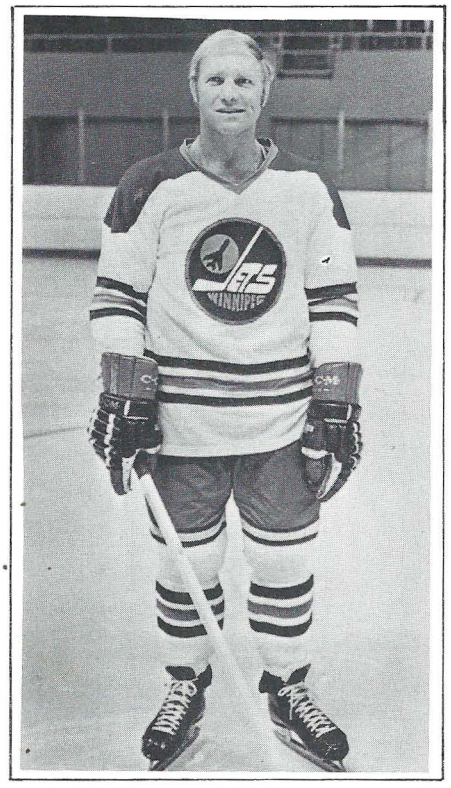
Hull, whose total shots this season number 125, had his busiest evening Friday (Nov. 29) when he leveled 17 at Michigan goaltender Gerry Desjardins. That wiped out the record of 14 held by Cleveland's Gary Jarrett, set last year.

The game represented a four-goal night for Hull, marking his third in the WHA and pulling him into a tie with Vancouver's Danny Lawson.

Hull, to be sure, wasn't the only one bothering the goaltenders in that 7-6 debate. The game produced a record 107 shots, marking the first time there has been more than 100 shots in a single WHA game.

In the goaltending department, Winnipeg's Joe Daley still leads the way with a 2.50 off six wins and three defeats. Edmonton's Jacques Plante has the best won-loss record (6-1), while in the area of shutout games, the Houston pair of Wayne Rutledge and Ron Grahame have two apiece.

Hull, in addition to averaging 1.21 goals per game, is also the important points category leader with 29, followed by teammate Ulf Nilsson with 27. Nilsson is the assist leader with 26.



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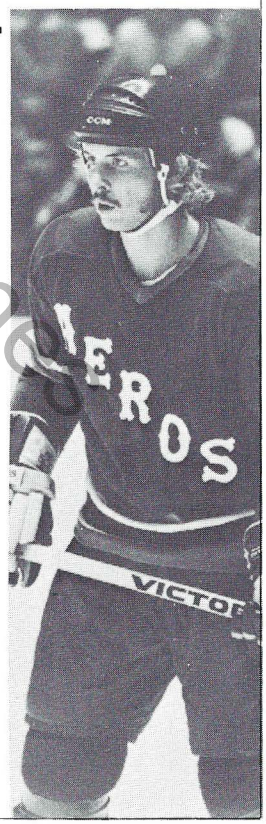

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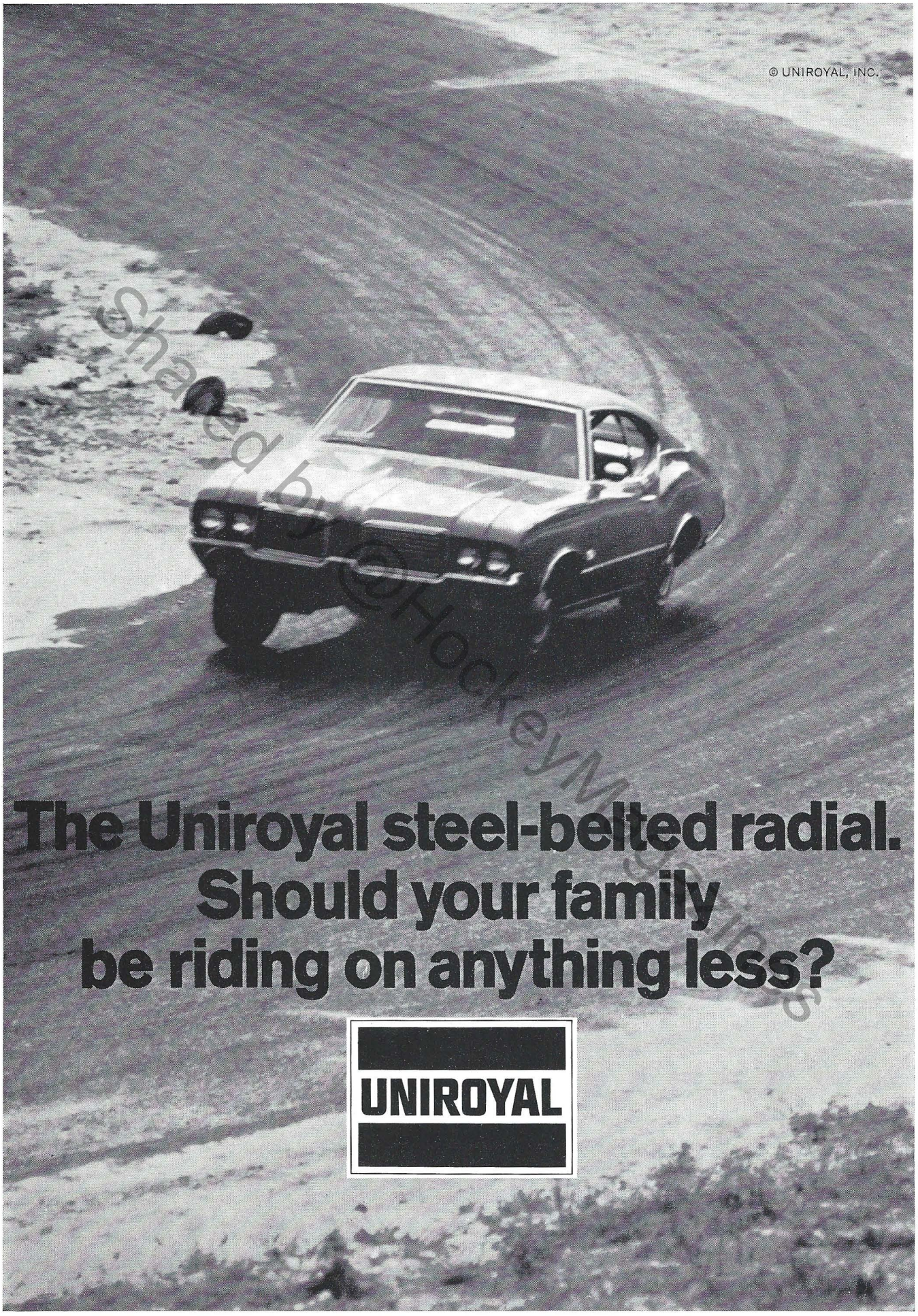
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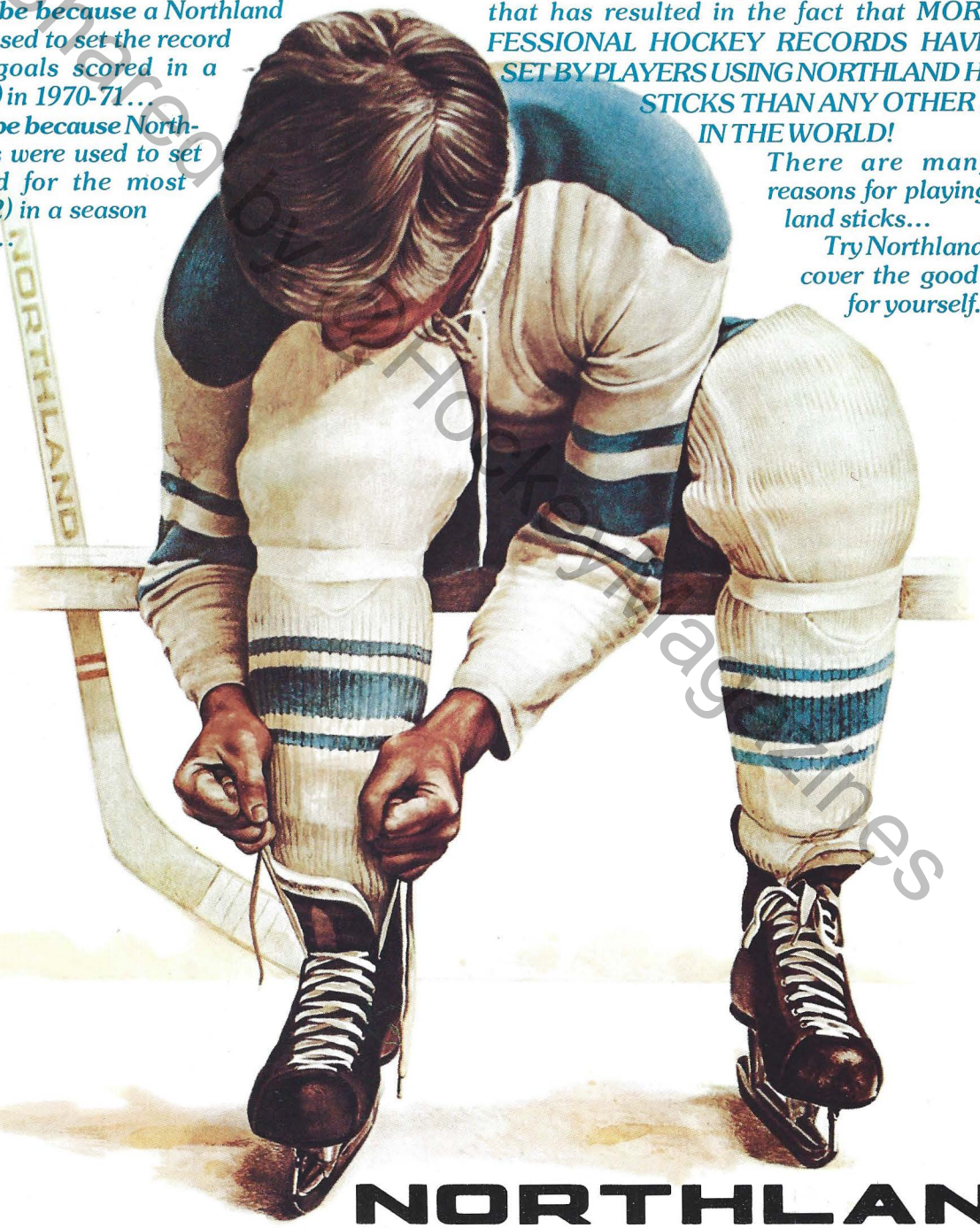

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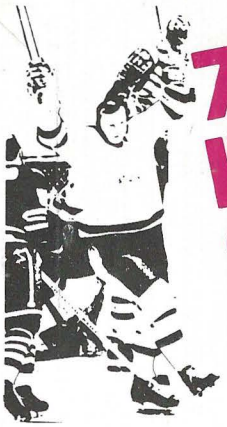

73-74 INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS

NO.	PLAYER,	TEAM	GP	G	A	TP	PIM	PPG	WG	TC	PP	SH
1.	Mike Walton	Minn.	78	57	60	117	88	1.50	7	41	9	9
2.	Andre Lacroix	N.J.	78	31	80	111	54	1.42	2	23	11	—
3.	Gordie Howe	Hou.	70	31	69	100	46	1.43	5	20	9	3
4.	Bobby Hull	Wpg.	75	53	42	95	38	1.27	9	41	9	1
4.	Wayne Connelly	Minn.	78	42	53	95	16	1.22	6	29	15	—
6.	Wayne Carleton	Tor.	78	37	55	92	31	1.18	5	27	5	—
7.	Bryan Campbell	Van.	76	27	62	89	50	1.17	3	14	8	1
8.	Danny Lawson	Van.	78	50	38	88	14	1.13	5	32	10	—
9.	Serge Bernier	Que	74	37	49	86	107	1.16	8	26	7	—
9.	Larry Lund	Hou.	75	33	53	86	109	1.15	10	29	7	2
11.	Frank Hughes	Hou.	73	42	42	84	47	1.15	3	24	13	—
12.	Ralph Backstrom	Chi.	78	33	50	83	26	1.06	8	23	6	2
13.	*Andre Hinse	Hou.	69	24	56	80	39	1.16	3	17	10	—
14.	*Mark Howe	Hou.	76	38	41	79	20	1.04	3	25	5	5
15.	George Morrison	Minn.	73	40	38	78	37	1.07	3	26	12	1
16.	Chris Bordeleau	Wpg.	75	26	49	75	22	1.00	4	21	5	1
17.	Ron Climie	Edm.	76	38	36	74	22	.97	7	25	9	—
17.	Fran Huck	Wpg.	74	26	48	74	68	1.00	8	22	2	2
19.	Rosaire Paiement	Chi.	78	30	43	73	87	.94	3	27	7	—
20.	John French	N.E.	77	24	48	72	31	.94	4	19	5	1
21.	Tom Webster	N.E.	64	43	27	70	28	1.09	9	29	5	—
21.	Marc Tardif	L.A.	75	40	30	70	47	.93	3	32	10	—
21.	Gary Jarrett	Clev.	75	31	39	70	68	.93	4	28	11	—
21.	Robert Guindon	Que.	77	31	39	70	30	.91	4	23	5	—
25.	Larry Pleau	N.E.	77	26	43	69	35	.90	3	22	6	—
25.	Jim Harrison	Edm.	46	24	45	69	99	1.50	7	19	3	2
27.	Gary Veneruzzo	L.A.	78	39	29	68	68	.87	4	30	5	—
27.	*Claude St. Sauveur	Van.	70	38	30	68	55	.97	5	33	6	2
27.	Andre Gaudette	Que.	78	24	44	68	16	.87	4	17	3	1
27.	Gavin Kirk	Tor.	78	20	48	68	44	.87	2	16	3	—
31.	*Kevin Morrison	N.J.	78	24	43	67	132	.86	—	11	5	2
32.	Don Burgess	Van.	78	30	36	66	8	.85	3	21	5	3
32.	J. P. LeBlanc	L.A.	78	20	46	66	58	.85	—	17	7	—
34.*	Wayne Dillon	Tor.	71	30	35	65	13	.92	6	22	7	—
35.	Rejean Houle	Que.	69	27	35	62	17	.90	4	16	6	—
35.	Guy Trottier	Tor.	71	27	35	62	58	.87	6	22	4	—
37.	Ron Ward Van./L.A./Clev.		70	33	28	61	25	.87	6	28	7	—
37.	Al Karlander	N.E.	77	20	41	61	46	.77	1	14	4	—
39.	Rick Sentes	Tor.	64	26	34	60	46	.94	3	18	6	—
39.	Michel Parizeau	Que.	78	26	34	60	39	.77	3	20	5	—
41.	Joe Hardy	Chi.	77	24	35	59	55	.77	2	18	4	—
41.	Don Blackburn	N.E.	75	20	39	59	18	.79	2	16	9	—
41.	Al Hamilton	Edm.	77	14	45	59	104	.77	2	12	6	—
44.	*Jim Sherrit	Hou.	76	30	28	58	18	.76	2	13	4	—
44.	Murray Hall	Hou.	78	30	28	58	25	.74	5	16	8	2
44.	Tim Sheehy	N.E.	77	29	29	58	22	.75	1	23	2	—
44.	*Murray Heatley	Minn.	71	26	32	58	23	.82	5	22	3	—
44.	Pat Stapleton	Chi.	78	6	52	58	44	.74	—	5	2	1
44.	Jim Wiste	Clev.	76	23	35	58	26	.76	7	20	4	—
44.	Tommy Williams	N.E.	70	21	37	58	6	.83	5	18	3	—

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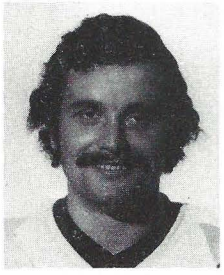

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San Diego

GP	G	A	TP	PIM
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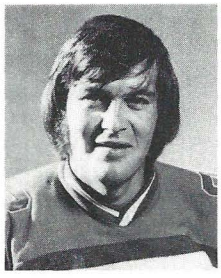

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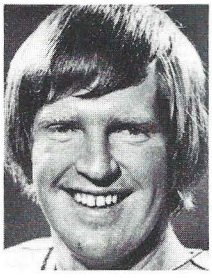

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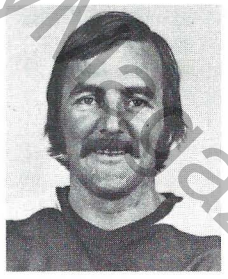

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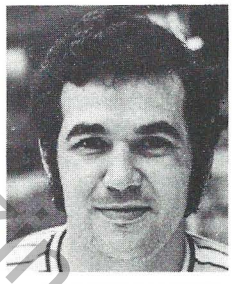

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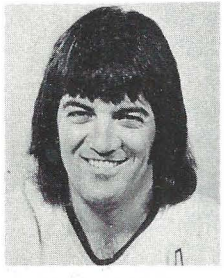

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Minnesota

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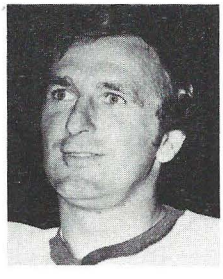

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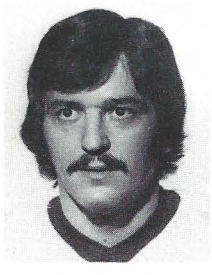

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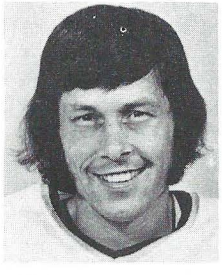

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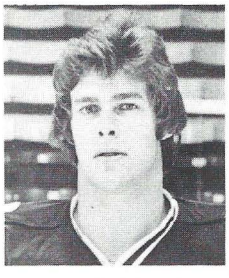

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New England

GP	G	A	TP	PIM
77	6	39	45	134

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Game 5 April 14 Minnesota 5, Edmonton 4 at St. Paul Civic Center
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Game 4 April 10 Chicago 2, New England 1 — OVERTIME — at Chicago
Game 5 April 12 Chicago 4, New England 2 at East Springfield, Mass. —
Game 6 April 14 New England 2, Chicago 0 at Chicago
Game 7 April 16 Chicago 3, New England 2 at East Springfield, Mass. —
Chicago wins series, four games to three

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Game 1 April 7 Toronto 4, Cleveland 2 at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto
Game 2 April 9 Toronto 4, Cleveland 3 at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto
Game 3 April 12 Toronto 4, Cleveland 2 at Cleveland Arena
Game 4 April 13 Cleveland 3, Toronto 2 — OVERTIME — at Cleveland
Game 5 April 15 Toronto 4, Cleveland 1 at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto
Toronto wins series, four games to one

SERIES E **HOUSTON** vs. **MINNESOTA**
Game 1 April 18 Minnesota 5, Houston 4 — OVERTIME — at Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston
Game 2 April 20 Houston 5, Minnesota 2 at Sam Houston Coliseum,
Game 3 April 21 Minnesota 4, Houston 1 at St. Paul Civic Center —
Game 4 April 28 Houston 4, Minnesota 1 at St. Paul Civic Center —
Game 5 April 29 Houston 9, Minnesota 4 at Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston
Game 6 May 1 Houston 3, Minnesota 1 at St. Paul Civic Center
Houston wins series, four games to two

SERIES F **CHICAGO** vs. **TORONTO**
Game 1 April 19 Toronto 6, Chicago 4 at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto
Game 2 April 22 Chicago 4, Toronto 3 at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto
Game 3 April 28 Chicago 3, Toronto 2 at Randhurst Twin Ice Arena, Mt. Prospect, Ill.
Game 4 April 30 Toronto 7, Chicago 6 at Randhurst Twin Ice Arena, Mt. Prospect, Ill.
Game 5 May 1 Toronto 5, Chicago 3 at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto
Game 6 May 4 Chicago 9, Toronto 2 at Randhurst Twin Ice Arena, Mt. Prospect, Ill.
Game 7 May 6 Chicago 5, Toronto 2 at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto
Chicago wins series, four games to three

SERIES G **HOUSTON** vs. **CHICAGO**
Game 1 May 12 Houston 3, Chicago 2 at Randhurst Twin Ice Arena, Mt. Prospect, Ill.
Game 2 May 15 Houston 6, Chicago 1 at Randhurst Twin Ice Arena, Mt. Prospect, Ill.
Game 3 May 17 Houston 7, Chicago 4 at Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston
Game 4 May 19 Houston 6, Chicago 2 at Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston
HOUSTON wins series, four games to none

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73-74 WHA GOALTENDING STATISTICS

	Min.	GPI	W	L	T	Pct.	SOG	GA	SVS	GAA	EN	SA%	GAF	SG	SP
HOUSTON															
Ron Grahame	250	4	3	0	1	.875	123	5	118	1.20	0	.959	24.60	1	9
Don McLeod	2971	49	33	13	3	.704	1432	127	1305	2.56	3	.911	11.28	3	66
Wayne Rutledge	1509	25	12	12	1	.500	737	84	653	3.34	0	.886	8.77	0	26
AEROS TOTALS	4730	78	48	25	5	.647	2292	216	2076	2.74	3	.906	10.61	4	101
OPPONENTS	4725	78	25	48	5	.353	2593	314	2279	3.99	4	.879	8.26	1	66
NEW ENGLAND															
Al Smith	3194	55	30	21	2	.585	1569	164	1405	3.08	4	.895	9.57	2	66
Bill Bergiund	180	3	2	1	0	.667	87	10	77	3.33	0	.885	8.70	0	4
Bruce Landon	1386	24	11	9	2	.545	692	82	610	3.55	0	.882	8.44	0	30
WHALERS TOTAL	4759	78	43	31	4	.577	2348	256	2092	3.23	4	.891	9.17	2	100
OPPONENTS	4758	78	31	43	4	.423	2388	285	2103	3.59	5	.881	8.38	5	80
CLEVELAND															
Gerry Cheevers	3562	59	30	20	6	.589	1911	180	1731	3.03	4	.906	10.62	4	73
Bob Whidden	1232	22	7	12	3	.386	680	80	600	3.90	0	.882	8.50	1	20
CRUSADERS TOTALS	4793	78	37	32	9	.532	2591	260	2331	3.26	4	.900	9.97	5	39
OPPONENTS	4793	78	32	37	9	.468	2474	260	2214	3.26	6	.895	9.52	3	85
CHICAGO															
Cam Newton	2732	45	25	18	2	.578	1352	143	1209	3.14	5	.894	9.45	1	46
Andre Gill	803	13	4	7	2	.385	418	46	372	3.44	1	.890	9.09	0	9
Rich Coutu	1207	20	9	10	1	.475	628	75	553	3.73	3	.881	8.37	0	13
COUGARS TOTALS	4742	78	38	35	5	.519	2398	264	2134	3.34	9	.890	9.08	1	68
OPPONENTS	4741	78	35	38	5	.481	2685	268	2417	3.39	3	.900	10.09	5	82
EDMONTON															
Jack Norris	2954	53	23	24	1	.490	1546	158	1388	3.21	5	.898	9.78	2	50
Ian Wilkie															
Edmonton Totals	256	5	3	1	1	.700	128	9	119	2.11	0	.930	14.22	0	7
Season Totals	1514	28	14	10	1	.580	720	91	629	3.61	0	.874	7.91	1	26
Chris Worthy	1453	29	11	12	1	.479	866	92	774	3.80	1	.894	9.41	1	17
Gary Doyle	60	1	1	0	0	1.000	38	4	34	4.00	0	.895	9.50	0	0
OILERS TOTALS	4723	78	38	37	3	.506	2578	263	2315	3.34	6	.898	9.80	3	74
OPPONENTS	4720	78	37	38	3	.494	2667	263	2404	3.34	5	.901	10.14	3	80
TORONTO															
a) William Holden															
Toronto Totals	10	1	0	0	0	.000	7	0	7	0.00	0	1.000	—	0	0
Season Totals	7	2	0	1	0	.000	35	4	31	3.43	0	.886	8.75	0	0
Frank Blum	131	5	1	0	0	1.000	66	5	61	2.29	0	.924	13.20	0	2
Les Binkley	1412	27	14	9	1	.604	776	77	699	3.27	1	.901	10.08	1*	21
Gilles Gratton	3200	57	26	24	3	.519	1786	188	1598	3.53	1	.895	9.50	2*	58
TOROS TOTALS	4750	78	41	33	4	.551	2635	270	2365	3.41	2	.898	9.76	4	81
OPPONENTS	4753	78	33	41	4	.449	2668	300	2368	3.79	4	.888	8.89	0	79
MINNESOTA															
Mike Curran	2382	40	23	14	2	.615	1444	130	1314	3.27	2	.910	11.11	2	42
John Garrett	2290	40	21	18	0	.538	1414	137	1277	3.59	1	.903	10.32	1	34
Jack McCartan	42	2	0	0	0	.000	26	5	21	7.14	0	.808	5.20	0	0
SAINTS TOTALS	4714	78	44	32	2	.577	2884	272	2612	3.46	3	.906	10.60	3	76
OPPONENTS	4717	78	32	44	2	.423	2557	325	2232	4.13	7	.873	7.87	0	58
QUEBEC															
Serge Aubry	1395	26	11	11	2	.500	751	90	661	3.87	1	.880	8.34	1	22
Michel Deguise	1750	32	12	13	1	.481	919	96	823	3.29	1	.896	9.57	1	29
Richard Brodeur	1607	30	15	12	1	.554	900	89	811	3.32	3	.901	10.11	1	24
NORDIQUES TOTALS	4749	78	38	36	4	.513	2570	275	2295	3.47	5	.893	9.35	3	75
OPPONENTS	4751	78	36	28	4	.487	2667	302	2365	3.81	4	.887	8.83	1	71
WINNIPEG															
Ernie Wakely	2254	37	15	18	4	.459	1184	123	1061	3.27	2	.896	9.63	3	46
William Holden															
Winnipeg Totals	60	1	0	1	0	.000	28	4	24	4.00	0	.857	7.00	0	0
Season Totals	70	2	0	1	0	.000	35	4	31	3.43	0	.886	8.75	0	0
Joe Daley	2454	41	19	20	1	.488	1402	163	1239	3.99	4	.884	8.60	0	40
JET TOTALS	4768	78	34	39	5	.468	2614	290	2324	3.65	6	.889	9.01	3	86
OPPONENTS	4760	78	39	34	5	.532	2521	256	2265	3.23	8	.898	9.85	3	87
NEW JERSEY															
Joe Junkin	3121	53	21	25	4	.460	1762	197	1565	3.79	3	.888	8.89	1	48
Gary Kurt	1089	20	8	10	0	.444	566	75	491	4.13	1	.867	7.55	0	15
Jim McLeod	516	10	3	7	0	.300	296	36	260	4.18	1	.878	8.22	0	8
KNIGHTS TOTALS	4728	78	32	42	4	.436	2624	308	2316	3.91	5	.883	8.52	1	71
OPPONENTS	4724	78	42	32	4	.564	2500	265	2235	3.37	3	.894	9.43	4	89
VANCOUVER															
Peter Donnelly	2824	49	22	24	0	.478	1525	179	1346	3.80	4	.883	8.52	3	52
George Gardner															
Vancouver Totals	1590	28	4	21	1	.173	957	125	832	4.72	3	.869	7.66	0	14
Season Totals	1710	30	4	23	1	.161	1022	138	884	4.84	3	.865	7.41	0	14
Yves Archambault	263	5	1	4	0	.200	183	27	156	6.14	0	.852	6.78	0	2
Danny Sullivan	60	1	0	1	0	.000	38	7	31	7.00	0	.816	5.43	0	0
BLAZERS TOTALS	4739	78	27	50	1	.353	2703	338	2365	4.28	7	.875	8.00	3	68
OPPONENTS	4741	78	50	27	1	.647	2429	272	2157	3.44	6	.888	8.93	2	80
LOS ANGELES															
Paul Hoganson	1308	26	6	16	0	.273	711	102	609	4.68	2	.857	6.97	0	11
Jim McLeod															
Los Angeles Total	969	17	4	13	0	.235	481	69	412	4.27	1	.857	6.97	1	10
Seaon Total	1485	27	7	20	0	.259	777	105	672	4.24	1	.865	7.40	1	18
TRADED PLAYERS															
George Gardner	120	2	0	2	0	.000	65	13	52	6.50	0	.800	5.00	0	0
Russ Gillow	1041	18	4	13	0	.235	483	69	414	3.98	1	.851	7.00	1	16
Ian Wilkie	1257	23	11	9	0	.550	592	82	510	3.92	0	.861	7.22	1	19
SHARKS TOTALS	4693	78	25	53	0	.321	2334	335	1997	4.28	4	.856	6.97	3	56
OPPONENTS	4701	78	53	25	0	.679	2415	237	2178	3.02	2	.902	10.19	8	90

*—split shutout in Los Angeles, October 16, 1973. a) was on loan to Winnipeg Jets for one game.

Key to goaltending abbreviations: Min—Minutes Played. GP—Games Played In. W—Games Won. L—Games Lost. T—Games Tied. Pct.—Percentage. SOG—Shots on Goal. GA—Goals Allowed. SVS—Saves. GAA—Goals Against Average for 60 Minutes. EN—Empty Net Goals. SA%—Save Percentage. GAF—Goals Allowed Frequency. SG—Shutout Games. SP—Shutout Periods.

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	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
OCT	13	14	15	16	17 IND	18	19 NE
	20 *TOR	21	22	23 QUE	24	25	26
	27 WIN	28	29 MINN	30	31 CLE		
NOV						1	2 MINN
	3 WIN	4	5 TOR	6	7	8	9
	10 IND	11	12 QUE	13	14 CHI	15	16 QUE
	17 NE	18	19	20	21 PHX	22 CHI	23
	24 MINN	25	26 VANC	27	28	29 WIN	30
DEC	1 CLE	2	3 NE	4	5 SD	6	7 VANC
	8 ED	9	10 SD	11	12 WIN	13	14 CHI
	15 TOR	16	17 NE	18	19 CLE	20 PHX	21
	22 QUE	23	24	25	26 VANC	27	28 QUE
	29 CHI	30	31 PHX				
JAN				1	2 HOU	3	4 HOU
	5 VANC	6	7 QUE	8	9 WIN	10 CHI	11
	12 SD	13	14 IND	15	16 CHI	17	18 CLE
	19	20	21	22	23 TOR	24	25 CLE
	26 MINN	27	28 MINN	29 NE	30	31 NE	
FEB							1 PHX
	2 *HOU	3	4 ED	5	6 CLE	7	8 HOU
	9	10	11 HOU	12	13 SD	14	15
	16	17	18 WIN	19	20 VANC	21	22
	23	24	25 IND	26	27 ED	28 ED	29
MAR							1
	2 ED	3	4 TOR	5	6	7 IND	8
	9 *TOR	10	11	12	13	14	15 IND
	16	17	18	19	20 PHX	21	22
	23 *HOU	24	25 MINN	26	27 ED	28	29
	30 *VANC	31					
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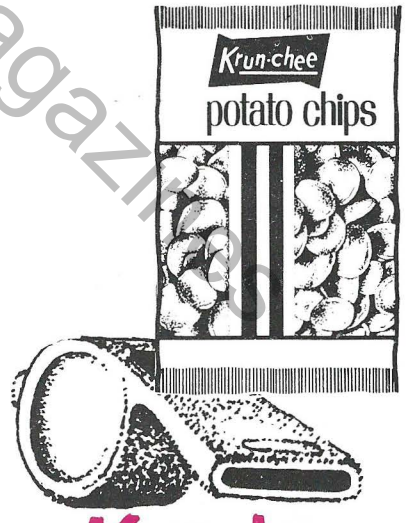

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TEAM	GOALS	ASSISTS	PERIOD & TIME	PENALTIES

OFFICIALS	SHOTS ON GOAL					THREE STARS
REFEREE:		1	2	3	TOTAL	1
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CARLETON

WHA-CAREER POINT LEADERS

No.	Player, Team	Games Played	Goals	Assists	Total Points
1.	Andre Lacroix, Phil., N.Y., N.J.	156	81	154	235
2.	Danny Lawson, Phil., Vancouver	156	111	95	206
3.	Bobby Hull, Winnipeg	138	104	94	198
4.	Wayne Carleton, Otwa., Toronto	153	79	104	183
5.	Ron Ward, N.Y., Van., L.A., Clev.	147	84	95	179
6.	Chris Bordeleau, Winnipeg	153	73	103	176
7.	Tom Webster, New England	141	96	77	173
8.	Wayne Connelly, Minnesota	156	82	83	165
9.	Bryan Campbell, Phil., Van.	151	52	110	162
10.	Norm Beaudin, Winnipeg	152	65	93	158

LACROIX

WARD

LAWSON

VENERUZZO

WHA-CAREER GOAL-SCORING LEADERS

No.	Player, Team	Games Played	Goals	Goals per Game
1.	Danny Lawson, Phil., Vancouver	156	111	.712
2.	Bobby Hull, Winnipeg	138	104	.754
3.	Tom Webster, New England	141	96	.681
4.	Ron Ward, N.Y., Van., L.A., Cleveland	147	84	.571
5.	Gary Veneruzzo, Los Angeles	156	82	.526
6.	Wayne Connelly, Minnesota	156	82	.526
7.	Andre Lacroix, Phil., N.Y., New Jersey	156	81	.519
8.	Wayne Carleton, Otwa., Toronto	153	79	.516
9.	Chris Bordeleau, Winnipeg	153	73	.477
10.	Gary Jarrett, Cleveland	152	71	.467

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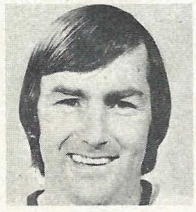
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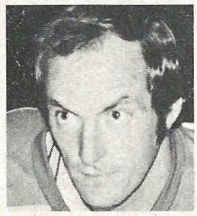
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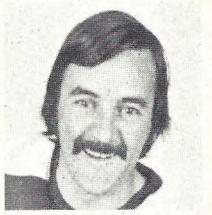
WHA-CAREER ASSIST LEADERS

No.	Player, Team	Games Played	Assists	Assists Per Game
1.	Andre Lacroix, Phil., N.Y., New Jersey	156	154	.987
2.	J. C. Tremblay, Quebec	144	119	.826
3.	Bryan Campbell, Phil., Vancouver	151	110	.728
4.	Wayne Carleton, Otwa., Toronto	153	104	.680
5.	Chris Bordeleau, Winnipeg	153	103	.673
6.	Larry Lund, Houston	152	98	.645
7.	Gordon Labossiere, Houston	144	96	.667
8.	Ken Block, N.Y., New Jersey	152	96	.632
8.	Jim Dorey, New England	152	96	.632
9.	Jean-Paul LeBlanc, Los Angeles	155	96	.619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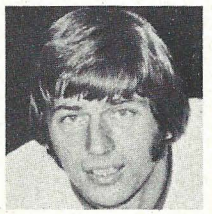
WHA-CAREER PENALTY MINUTE LEADERS

No.	Player, Team	Games Played	Penalty Minutes	Avg. Min's. Per Game
1.	John Schella, Houston	150	409	2.727
2.	John Arbour, Minnesota	153	380	2.484
3.	Jim Cardiff, Phil., Vancouver	156	373	2.391
4.	Tom Gilmore, L.A., Edmonton	128	355	2.773
5.	Paul Shmyr, Cleveland	151	334	2.212
6.	Doug Barrie, Edmonton	123	325	2.642
7.	Pierre Roy, Quebec	108	304	2.815
8.	Poul Popiel, Houston	152	284	1.868
9.	Steve Sutherland, Los Angeles	116	280	2.414
10.	Dick Paradise, Minnesota	144	260	1.806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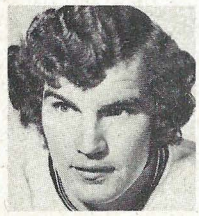
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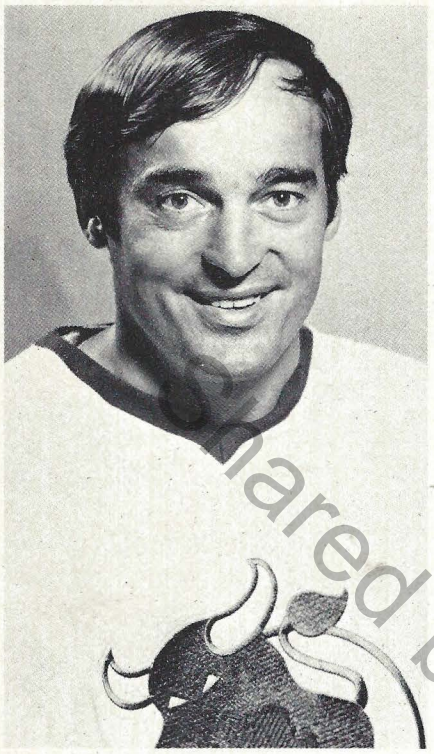


Frank Mahovlich

When Frank Mahovlich dons his Toronto Toros jersey, the World Hockey Association will have three of the five men in hockey history who have scored 500 or more goals in their career.

The "Big M" with 533 goals joins Houston's Gordie Howe (807 goals) and Winnipeg's Bobby Hull (657 goals) in this select circle.

Mahovlich, who played the last three years with the Montreal Canadiens, has been in the major leagues since 1956.

Besides his tenure with the Canadiens, Big M spent 12 years with the Toronto Maple Leafs and three seasons with the Detroit Red Wings. While with the Red Wings, he played on the same line with Gordie Howe.

Mahovlich, who won the National Hockey League's Calder Memorial Trophy for the Rookie-of-the-Year, will add much — not just to the Toros but the entire WHA.

The World Hockey Association started this season with everybody asking, "What are they going to do for encores?"

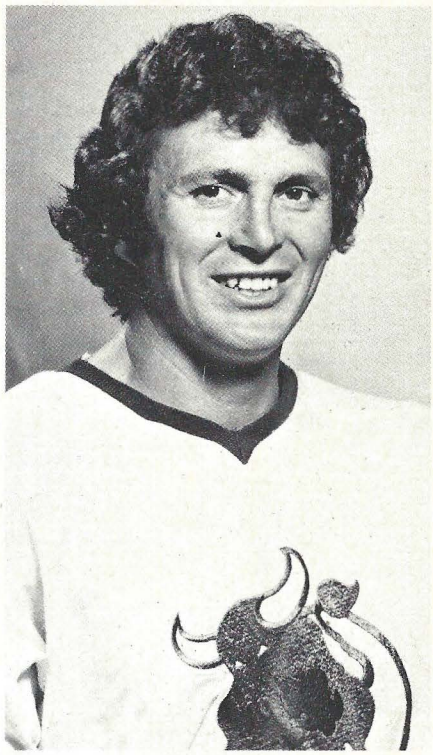
In 1972 the WHA plucked Bobby Hull from the Chicago Black Hawks; in 1973 the Houston Aeros lured Gordie Howe out of the comforts of retirement; and continuing the super-star trend, the Toronto Toros this season grabbed hometown hero Frank Mahovlich from the prestigious surroundings of Montreal's Forum.

The signing of Mahovlich by the WHA is a significant move. In less than three years, it now boasts the talents of hockey's three all-time greatest scorers.

But that is not the entire story. Other top NHL names have made the jump, and with them, many new young faces destined to carve their names into the hockey annals.

Here are just a few of those new faces WHA fans will witness:

Gerry Desjardins



Paul Henderson

Joining Frank Mahovlich with the Toronto Toros for the 1974-75 season is Paul Garnet Henderson.

A 12-year NHL veteran, Henderson comes to the Toros from the rival Maple Leafs, after having spent many outstanding years with the Detroit Red Wings.

An interesting note, Henderson was involved in the trade that sent him to the Leafs and Mahovlich to the Red Wings.

Henderson's best season was in 1971-72 while with the Leafs, when he placed 38 goals in enemy nets.

Along with the Big M, Henderson will add needed experience and strong offensive punch to the Toros attack.

The newly transplanted Michigan Stags (nee Los Angeles Sharks) will have an old NHL vet in Gerry Desjardins as a new net minder.

Signed from the New York Islanders, the new goaltender has also played with the Los Angeles Kings and the Chicago Black Hawks.

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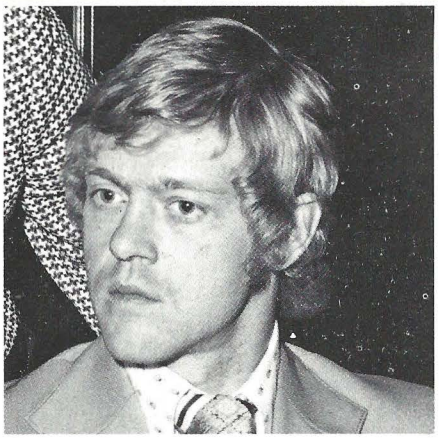


Thommy and Chris Abrahamsson

If the immigration laws don't change any time soon, the New England Whalers now have two men with major league potential.

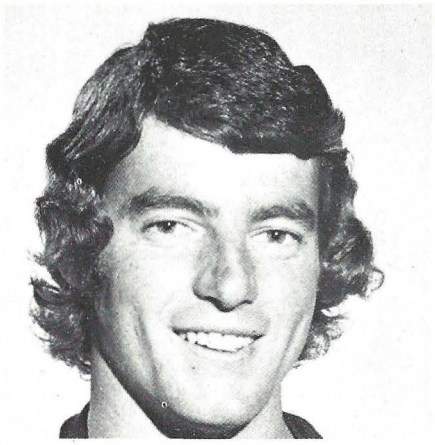
Thommy and Chris Abrahammsson, twin brothers who have played for the Swedish Nationals, have both been inked to multi-year pacts by the Whalers.

Chris, the elder son by five hours, is a goaltender who has played more than 500 games during his 11-year career. He was named to the Swedish National team seven times.

Chris has played in six World Games and the 1972 Olympic Games in Japan.

Thommy is also an 11-year veteran of his home town club, Leskand. He captained his squad to the team championship in Sweden the last two years and has played in four World Games and the 1972 Games in Japan.

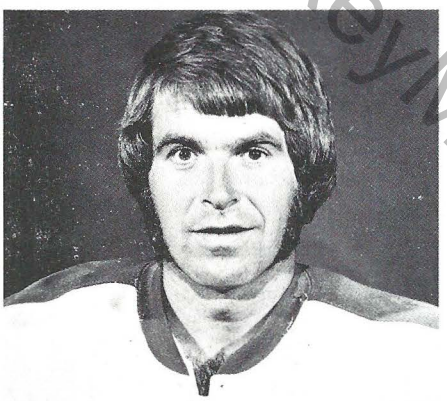
An offensive defenseman, Thommy scored 26 goals and gathered 35 assists last season. At the conclusion of the 1972-73 campaign, Thommy received the Golden Puck Award as Sweden's best hockey player.



Al McDonough

Joining the forward wall of the Cleveland Crusaders, Al McDonough comes from the NHL Atlanta Flames. The five-year hockey veteran has also spent time with the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Los Angeles Kings.

While with the Penguins, McDonough scored a career high 35 goals in 1972-73.



Dave Dyrden

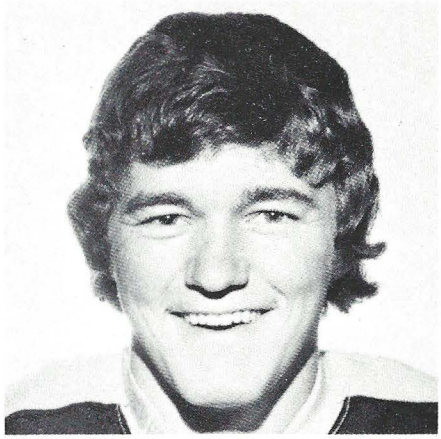
To bolster the goaltending crew of the Chicago Cougars, Dave Dryden has been lured away from the Buffalo Sabres for the 1974-75 season.

Dryden, who has played both for the Sabres and the Chicago Black Hawks, is the brother of Montreal Canadien ace goalie, Ken.

No stranger to the New England area, Fred O'Donnell joins the Whalers after spending almost two full seasons with the Boston Bruins of the NHL.

The Whalers signed O'Donnell from the Vancouver Canucks after he was traded to Vancouver by the Bruins at the tail end of last season.

The young right winger will be a real asset to the Whalers.



Fred O'Donnell

Danny O'Shea

A strong centerman who had spent six years in the NHL, Danny O'Shea is no stranger to Minnesota. O'Shea, who was signed by the Fighting Saints from the St. Louis Blues, spent nearly three seasons with the North Stars of the NHL.

In addition to his stints with the Blues and the North Stars, O'Shea spent time with the Chicago Black Hawks.

His best year in the majors was his initial year with the North Stars in 1967-68 when he garnered 15 goals and 34 assists.

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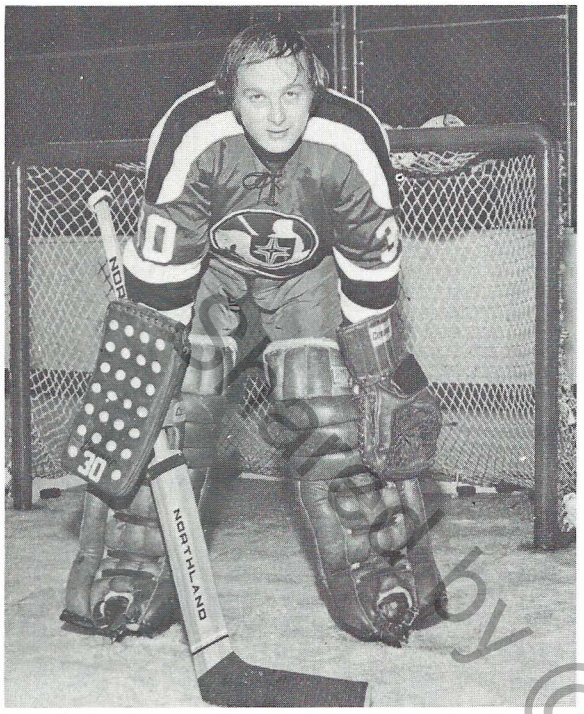

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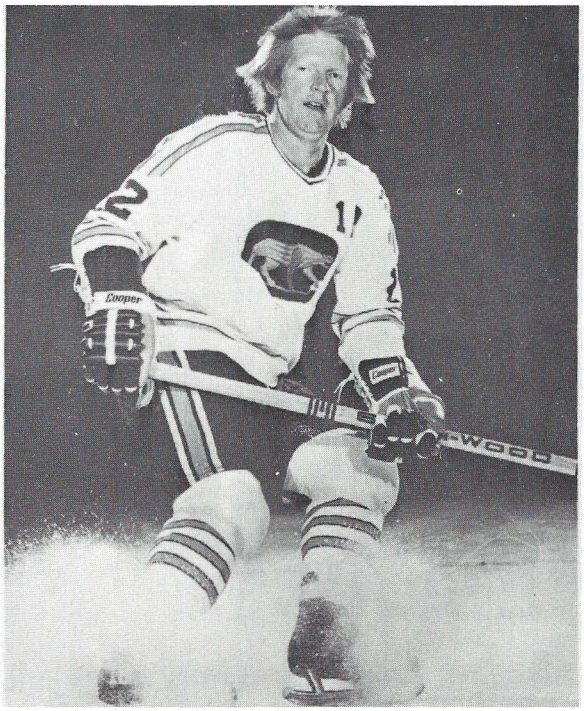

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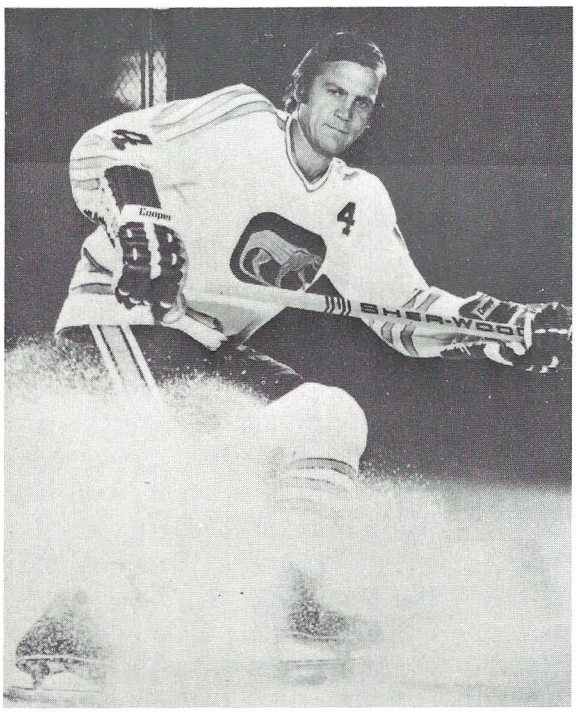

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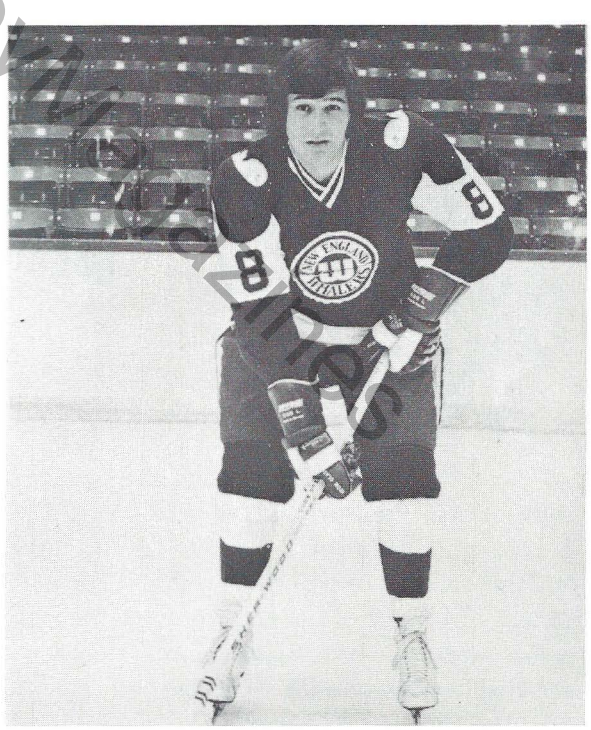

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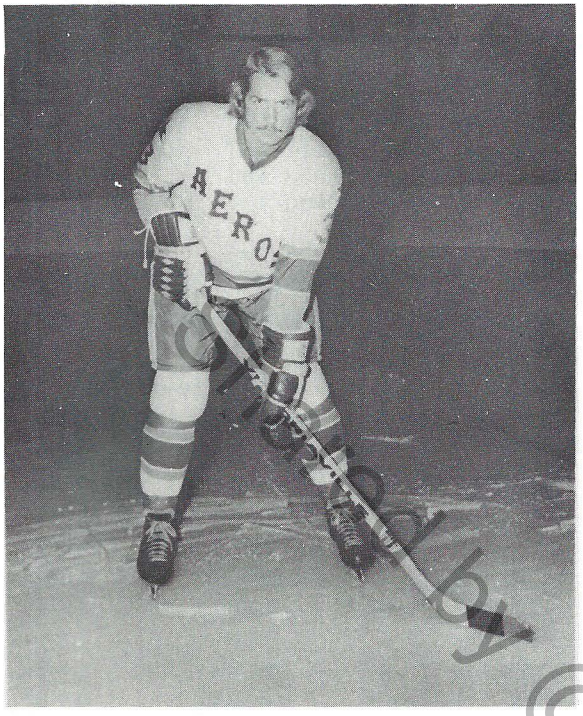

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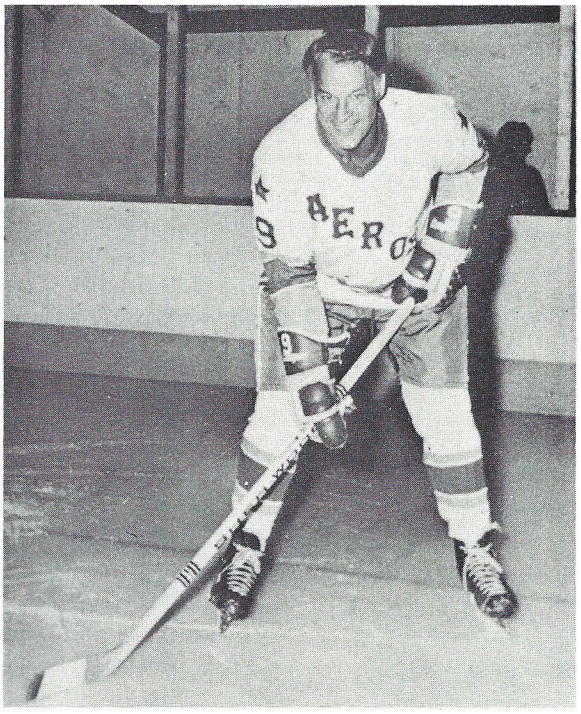

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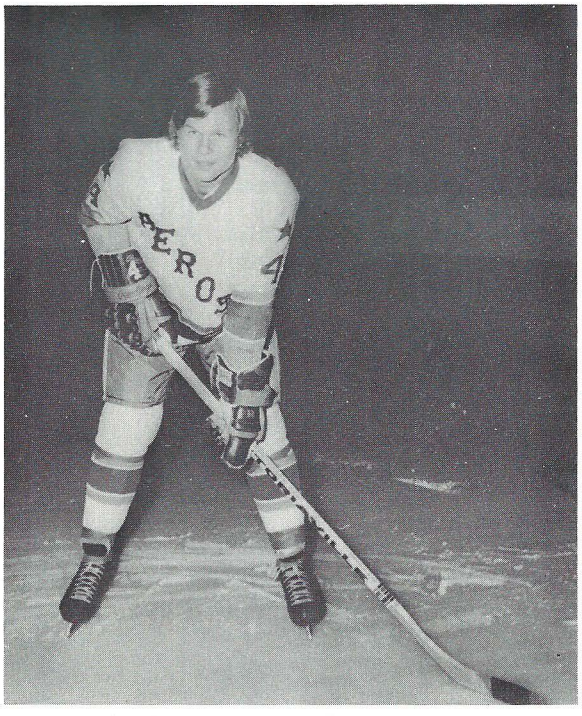

MARK HOWE
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POWER PLAY OPPORTUNITIES

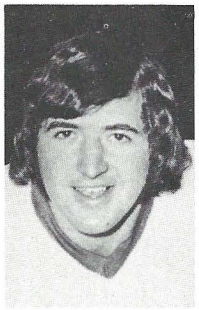
ANDRE HINSE

For the past two seasons, Houston's power play has been the best in the World Hockey Association. The Aeros' methodical machine never rushes things during a power play but instead sets up well.

The Aeros had a 26.5% proficiency rating the first season with 50 goals in 188 opportunities. Last year they bettered that mark with 64 goals in 223 opportunities for a 28.7% proficiency rating.

Houston doesn't attack with just one set power play unit. Instead Coach Bill Dineen finds fire power from any number of players as shown by the breakdown of who got the power play goals. Frank Hughes netted 13 while Gordie Howe and Andre Hinse each had 9. Murray Hall added 8, Larry Lund 7, Mark Howe 5 and Jim Sherrit and Gordon Labossiere 4 each.

The Aeros also allowed the fewest goals while playing on the power play — 3. Two years ago only one goal was scored against Houston while it was on the power play.



FRANK HUGHES

Opponents Team	Average PIM	PIM	Opportunities	GF	GA	Proficiency	Frequency
1. Houston	893	11.4	223	64	3	28.7%	3.48
2. New Jersey	802	10.3	213	52	4	24.4%	4.10
3. Toronto	1009	12.9	257	50	4	23.3%	4.28
4. Minnesota	1225	15.7	262	61	11	23.3%	4.30
5. Cleveland	976	12.5	245	56	12	22.9%	4.38
6. Quebec	1191	15.3	280	61	6	21.8%	4.75
7. Chicago	934	12.0	245	51	8	20.8%	4.80
8. New England	914	11.7	228	47	7	20.6%	4.85
9. Los Angeles	1042	13.4	255	43	8	16.9%	5.93
10. Vancouver	1069	13.7	289	47	12	16.26%	6.149
11. Winnipeg	768	9.8	240	39	15	16.25%	6.154
12. Edmonton	1168	15.0	245	39	4	15.9%	6.28
WHA TOTALS	11,991	12.8	2982	620	94	20.8%	4.81

SHORTHANDED SITUATIONS

ROD ZAINE

Two years ago the Chicago Cougars finished with the poorest record of the 12 WHA teams. That season the Cougars' penalty killing unit ranked 11th in the league.

Last season the Cougars went all the way to the finals of the AVCO World Cup against Houston. The reasons were many, but not the least of which was the fact that Chicago's penalty killing unit ranked No. 1 in the WHA last year.

Rod Zaine and Jim Benzelock were the mainstays on the penalty killing squad. Both were with the Cougars two years ago, but weren't used in that capacity.

"We think Rod is the premier penalty killer in this league," said Cougar director of player personnel Jacques Demers. Zaine and Benzelock each only scored five goals during the season, but their value was not in scoring, but stopping opponent's power plays.

JIM BENZELOCK

Team	PIM	Average	Situations	GF	GA	Efficiency	Frequency
1. Chicago	1041	13.3	289	7	45	84.4%	6.42
2. Houston	1035	13.3	288	17	47	83.7%	6.13
3. Toronto	878	11.3	249	5	42	83.1%	5.93
4. New England	875	11.2	197	3	36	81.7%	5.47
5. Minnesota	1243	15.9	265	20	53	80.0%	5.00
6. Winnipeg	671	8.6	207	8	45	78.3%	4.60
7. Edmonton	1276	16.4	295	9	66	77.6%	4.47
8. Quebec	909	11.7	194	1	44	77.3%	4.41
9. New Jersey	933	12.0	241	7	55	77.2%	4.38
10. Vancouver	1045	13.4	286	7	66	76.9%	4.33
11. Cleveland	1007	12.9	237	6	59	75.1%	4.02
12. Los Angeles	1078	13.8	234	4	62	73.5%	3.77
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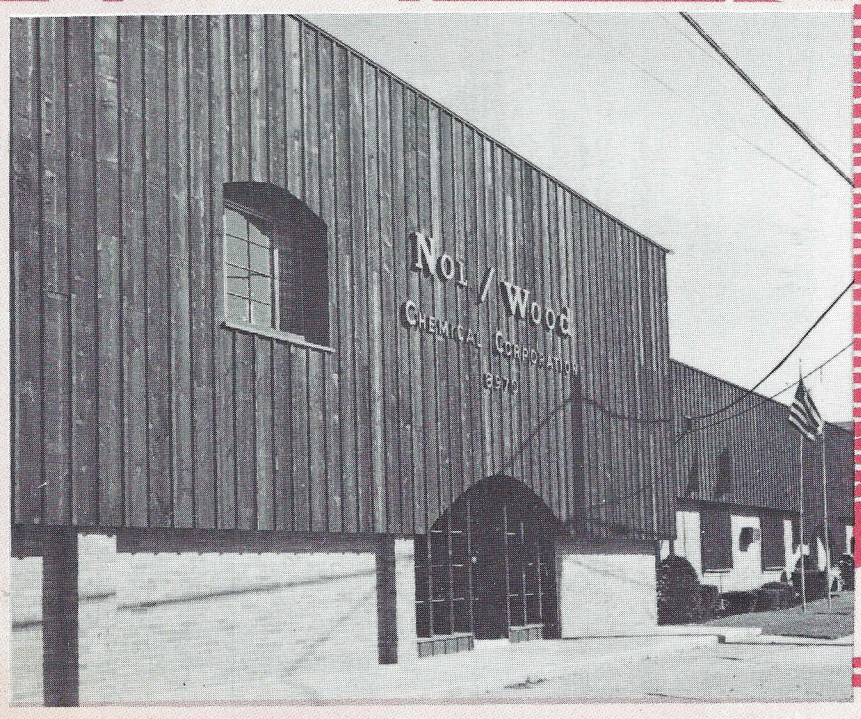

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